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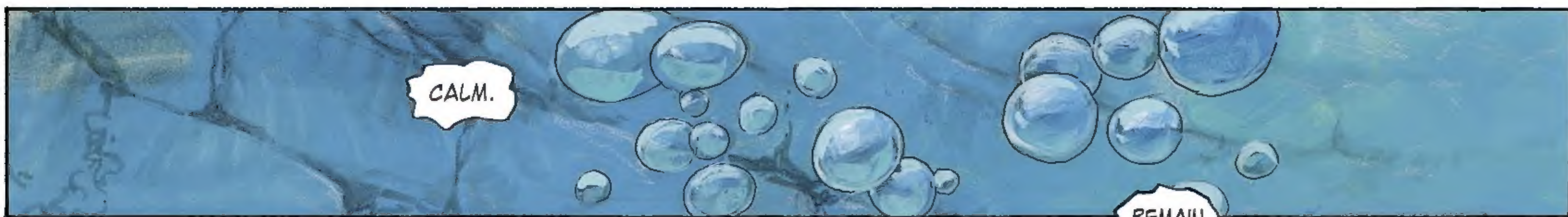


NIEL, THE SON OF THORGAL
AND KRISS OF VALNOR, HAS BEEN
KIDNAPPED BY THE RED MAGES.

THESE SORCERERS FROM THE ORIENT
ARE CONVINCED THAT THE CHILD IS
THE REINCARNATION OF KAHANIEL, THE
GRANDMASTER OF THEIR ORDER. THORGAL,
TRAVELLING WITH PETROV THE WARRIOR,
BEAUTIFUL SALUMA, AND YOUNG LEHLA, HAS
RELENTLESSLY PURSUED THE ABDUCTORS.

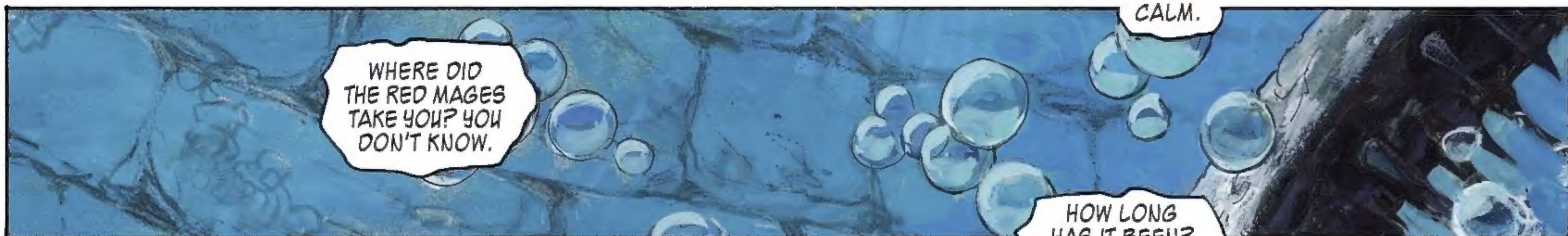
A LONG JOURNEY HAS TAKEN THE SMALL
PARTY TO BAG DADH, WHERE THE RED
MAGES, PERSECUTED BY THE CALIPH, HAVE
BEEN LIVING IN CONCEALMENT. THORGAL
HAS MANAGED TO DISCOVER THE LOCATION
OF THEIR SECRET TEMPLE ... BUT TOO LATE.

ABOUT TO BE CAPTURED, POWERLESS
TO ACT, THORGAL HAS BEEN FORCED TO
WITNESS THE RITUAL THAT HAS TURNED
HIS SON, A MUTE LITTLE BOY, INTO A
TEENAGER FULLY CAPABLE OF SPEECH –
THE REINCARNATION OF THE ANCIENT
PROPHET ...



CALM.

REMAIN CALM.



WHERE DID THE RED MAGES TAKE YOU? YOU DON'T KNOW.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN? EIGHT, TEN WEEKS? ... YOU DON'T KNOW.



WHAT DID THEY DO TO ANIEL? YOU DON'T KNOW.

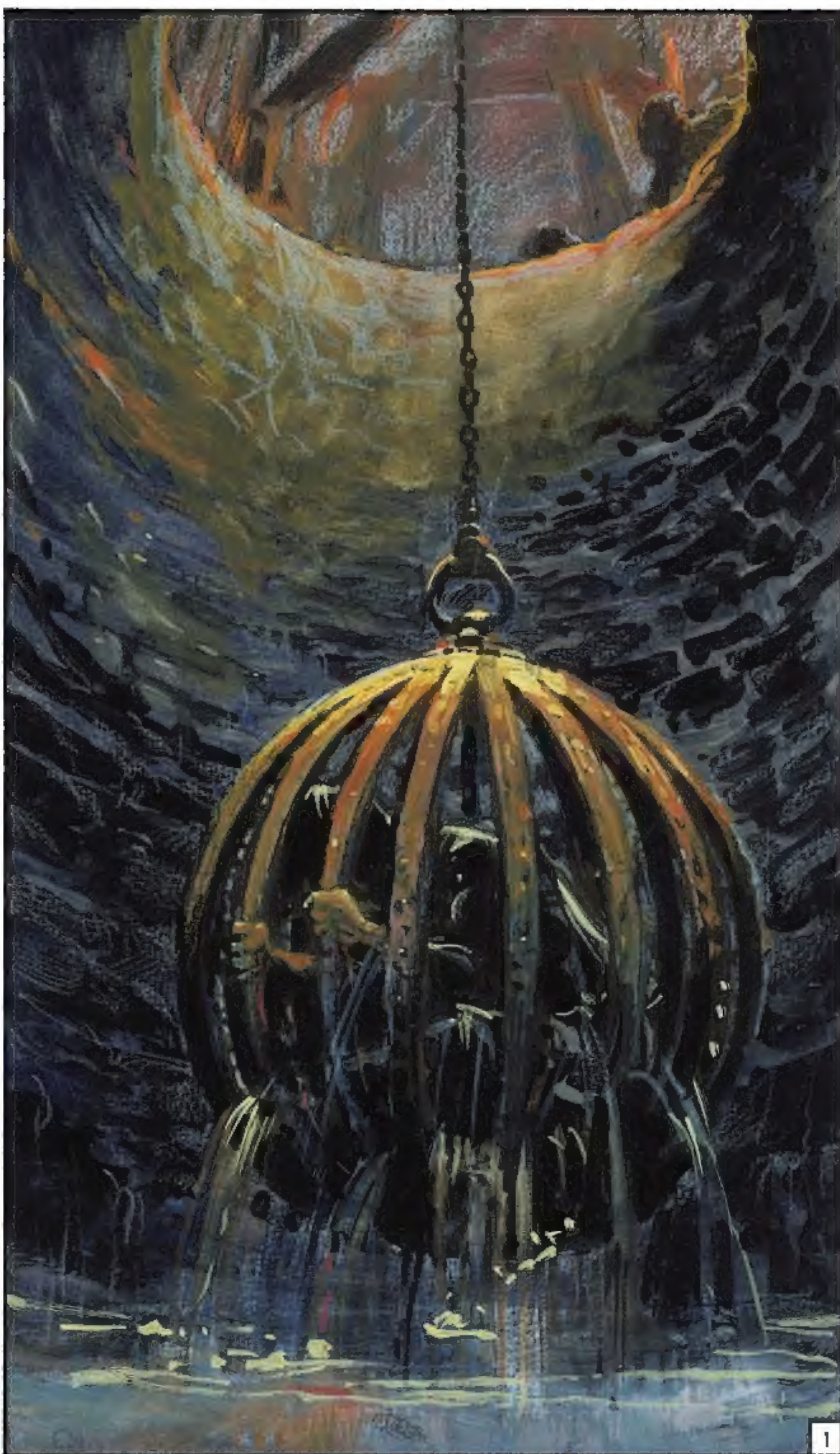
YOU ONLY KNOW ONE THING AT THIS POINT: HOLD ON. DON'T PANIC. DON'T HURT YOURSELF ON YOUR OWN CAGE, MAKE YOURSELF INTO YOUR OWN TORTURER ... THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT.



CALM.



REMAIN CALM ...





UUGH ...

WATER IS FIRE.
THE PRINCE OF DJI-HINS IS MY ONE TRUE
GOD AND ANIEL THE REINCARNATE IS HIS
ONLY PROPHET.

SAY IT!

HOW COULD YOU DESERVE
THAT SON? DID YOU PROTECT
HIM? SAVE HIM? DID YOU EVEN
RAISE AND FEED HIM? NO!
YOU'RE NO FATHER! YOU'RE
NOT EVEN A MAN!



YOU ARE
DEAD! YOU'RE
STILL BREATHING
ONLY BECAUSE
OUR PROPHET
WANTS TO SAVE
YOUR SOUL!



YOU WILL CONVERT,
JUST LIKE YOUR FRIEND!
I WANT TO HEAR YOU TAKE
THE OATH! AND WITH A
SMILE, TOO, OR AFTER
WATER, YOU WILL
TASTE FIRE!

YOU CAN SEND ME
TO HELL! * ONLY ONE
OATH SHALL YOU
HEAR FROM ME ...



WATER ... WATER IS FIRE. THE
PRINCE OF DJI-HINS IS MY ONE
TRUE GOD AND ANIEL THE REINCAR-
NATE IS HIS ONLY PROPHET.

YOUR
TURN,
NOW!!



ANIEL ...

... IS MY
SON.



YOUR
SON??
!!!

AAAAHHH



... ANIEL IS
MY SON!

HE NO LONGER
IS, THORGAL ...



... AS ANIEL
HIMSELF WILL
PROVE TO YOU.

*A VIKING REALM OF THE DEAD, AND THE GODDESS WHO PRESIDES OVER IT





YOU ASKED ME FOR
JUSTICE AGAINST THOSE
WHO ENSLAVED YOU.

YOU ASKED ME FOR
VENGEANCE AGAINST
THOSE WHO KILLED YOUR
BROTHERS AND SISTERS.



YOU ASKED ME TO
DELIVER THE CALIPH OF
BAG DAQH, HIS WIFE,
AND HIS WASIR.

HERE THEY
ARE BEFORE
YOU.



BUT I AM NEITHER JUSTICE NOR
VENGEANCE ... I AM MERELY A
HUMBLE SERVANT OF THE LAW
OF THE GREAT GRIMOIRE.



CALIPH, DO YOU CONFESS THAT WITH THE COMPLICITY
OF YOUR WIFE AND WASIR, YOU ORDERED SWORDS
TO BE RAISED AGAINST ADEPTS OF RED MAGIC?
DO YOU CONFESS TO ASKING THE INFIDELS TO SPILL
YOUR OWN PEOPLE'S BLOOD?



YES ... YES ...
I CONFESS.



DON'T LISTEN
TO HIM, ANIEL!
HE'S LYING! WE
KNOW NOTHING!

I ... I'M READY
TO CONVERT NOW!!
WATER IS FIRE! ...
YES, THAT'S IT! ...
WATER IS FIRE!



YOU UNBURDENED
YOUR SOUL, CALIPH.
GOOD.

YOU SHALL
DIE LAST ...

BY THE SEVENTH ORDER OF THE DŌI-HINS:
THOSE ACCUSED OF SPILLING THE BLOOD OF
THEIR BROTHERS IN FAITH WILL BE SENT TO THE
KINGDOM OF THE DEAD ...

ANIEL!
NO!!

NO GOD WORTHY
OF THE NAME
DEMANDS JUSTICE
BY BLOOD!



DON'T
BECOME AN
ACCOMPLICE
TO —

SILENCE,
DOG!

... AND IT IS BY
RECEIVING DEATH
FROM THEIR OWN
HANDS THAT THEY
WILL BEG FOR
THE DŌI-HINS'
FORGIVENESS.



HERE ... YOU WILL KILL
YOUR WASIR, THEN YOUR
WIFE ... I'LL TAKE CARE
OF YOU LAST.

ANIEL ... IF
THERE'S ANY
MERCY LEFT
IN YOU ...



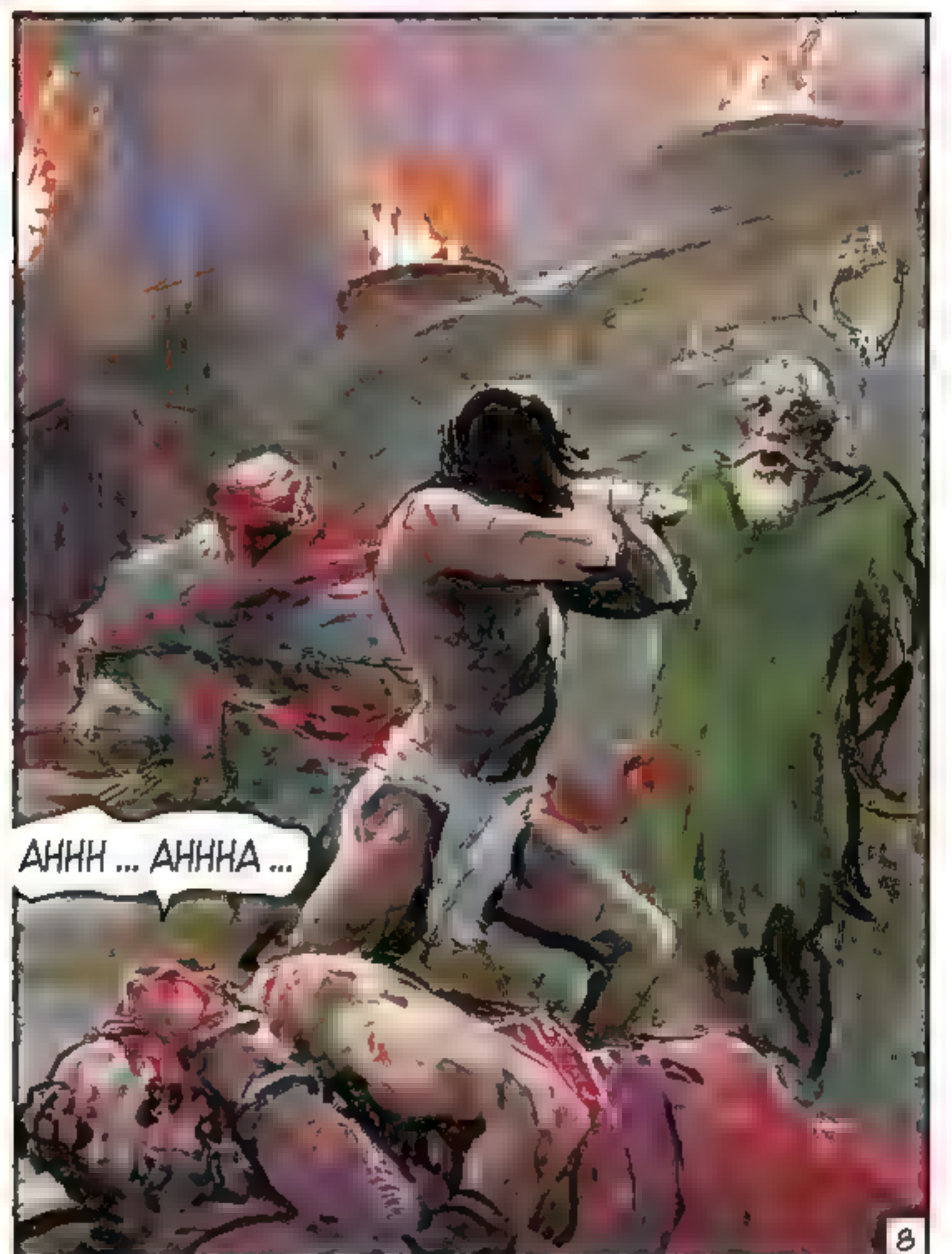
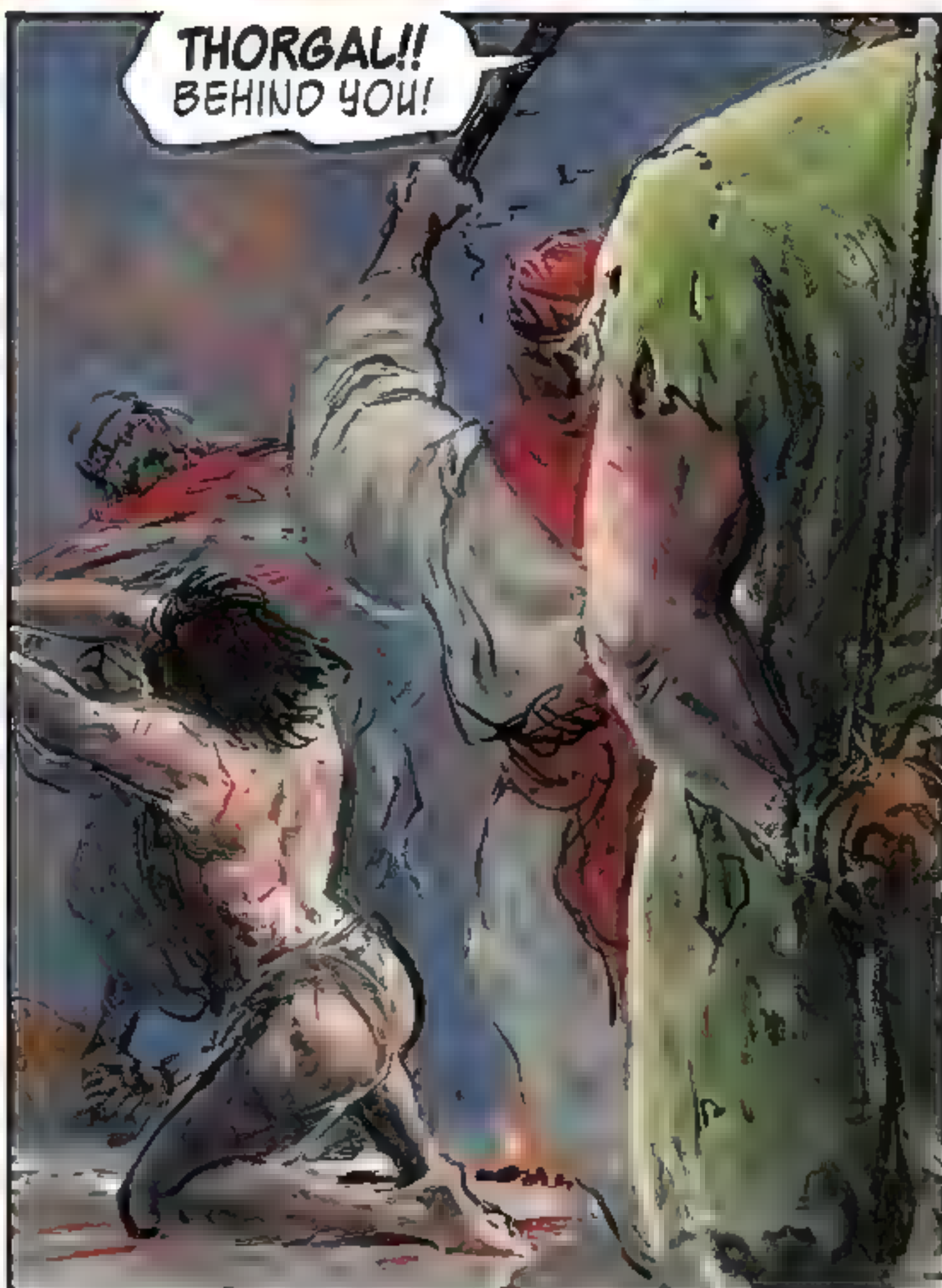
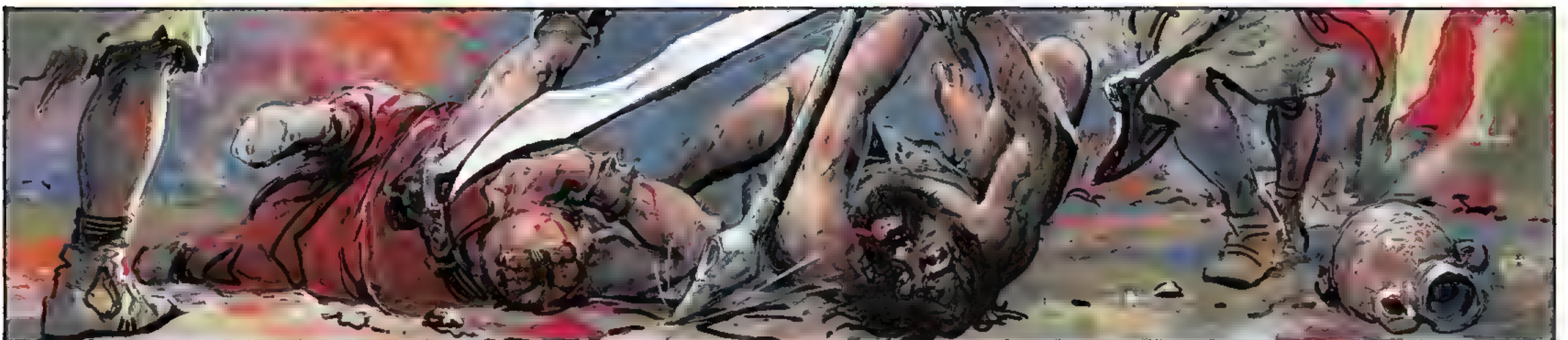
I AM NEITHER
JUSTICE,
VENGEANCE ...
NOR MERCY.



JUST A HUMBLE
SERVANT OF THE
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GRIMOIRE.







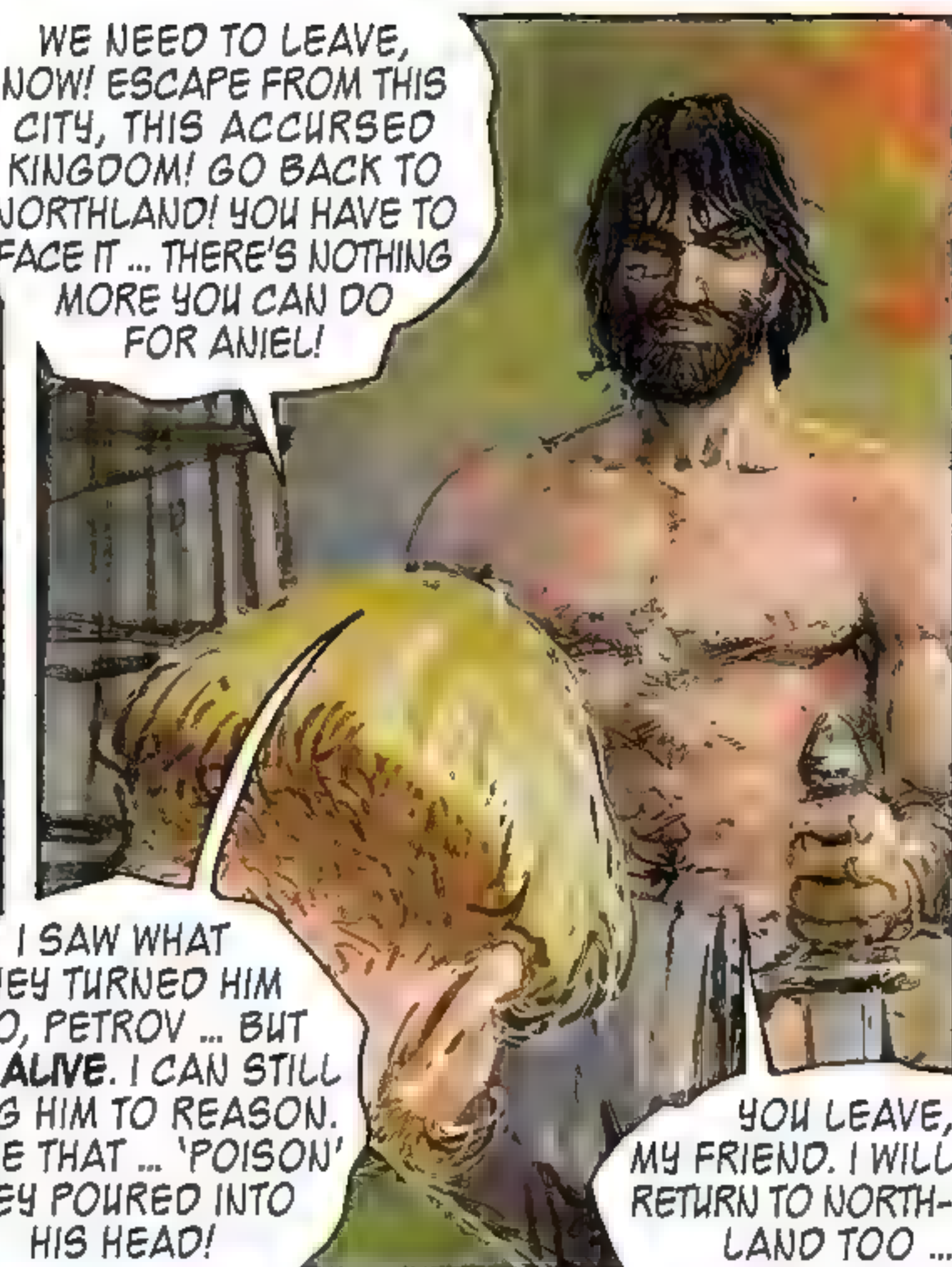


I ... I WANTED TO RESIST THEM ... LIKE YOU, THORGAL ...

... BUT I COULDN'T. I ... I'M ASHAMED. FORGIVE ME.



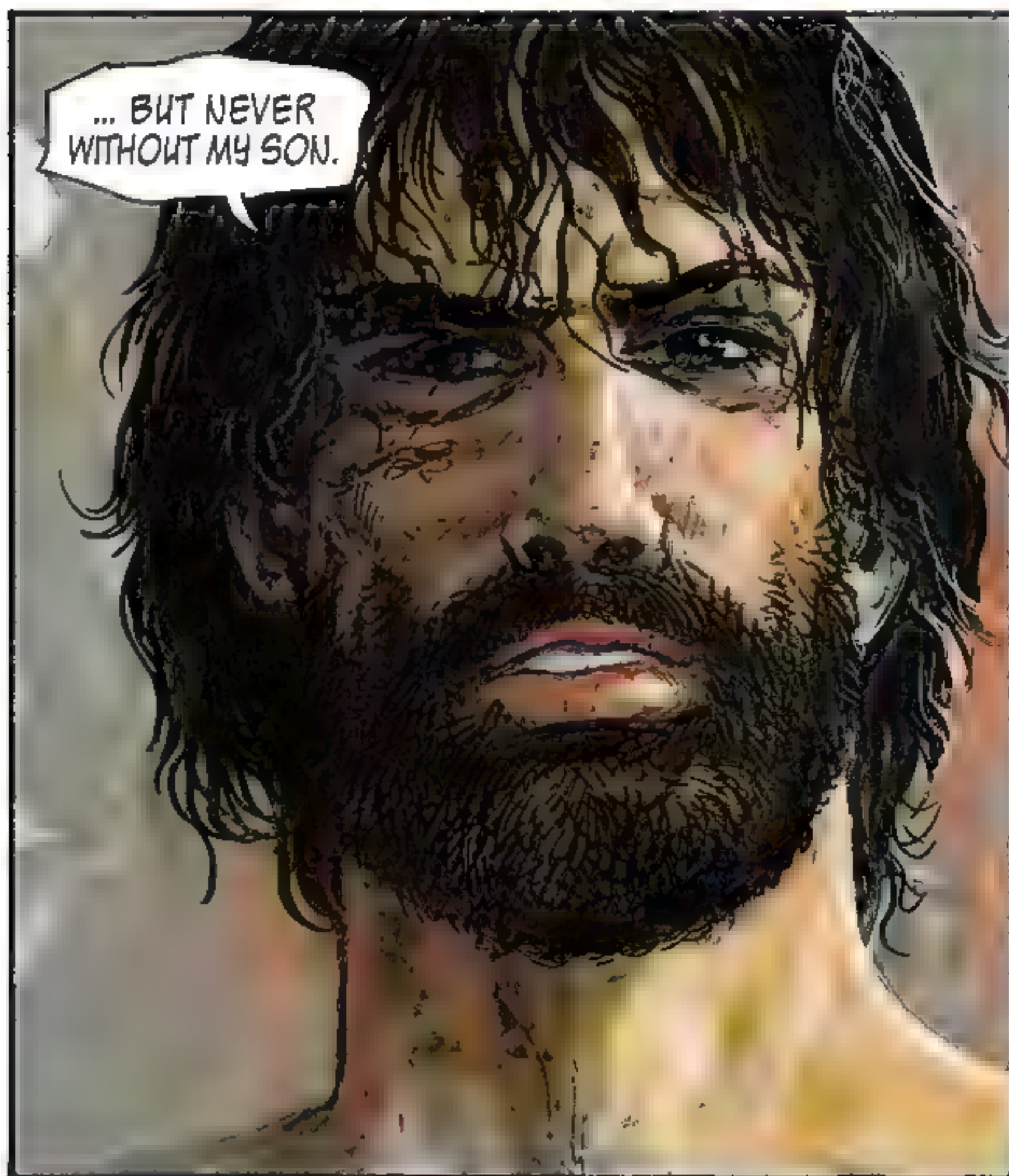
FORGIVE YOU? FOR WHAT, PETROV? FOR COMING TO HELP ME FIND MY SON? I AM IN YOUR DEBT ...



WE NEED TO LEAVE, NOW! ESCAPE FROM THIS CITY, THIS ACCURSED KINGDOM! GO BACK TO NORTHLAND! YOU HAVE TO FACE IT ... THERE'S NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO FOR ANIEL!

I SAW WHAT THEY TURNED HIM INTO, PETROV ... BUT HE'S ALIVE. I CAN STILL BRING HIM TO REASON. PURGE THAT ... 'POISON' THEY POURED INTO HIS HEAD!

YOU LEAVE, MY FRIEND. I WILL RETURN TO NORTHLAND TOO ...



... BUT NEVER WITHOUT MY SON.



THEN WE SHALL BOTH DIE! LET'S LEAVE BEFORE THE ALARM IS RAISED AND GO AND GET YOUR SON ... WELL, AS SOON AS WE KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM!

EVERYONE KNOWS! ...



SALUMA!

IT'S YOU NO ONE KNEW WHERE TO FIND. UNTIL THEY BROUGHT YOU OUT ...



I THOUGHT ...

I THOUGHT I'D LOST YOU ...





YOU ARE FREE FROM THE CHAINS OF YOUR FORMER LIFE, OF YOUR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS, OF YOUR USELESS LOYALTIES, OF YOUR FALSE BELIEFS ... YOU HAVE DONE MUCH! SOON, WE WILL LEAD YOU TO THE SACRED SOURCE, AND THERE, I KNOW, ANIEL ...



... YOU WILL SAVE US ALL.



YOU LIE TO HIM.



THE REINCARNATION ISN'T COMPLETE! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE LOSES CONTROL OVER THE SCARLET FIRE? NO ONE WILL SURV—



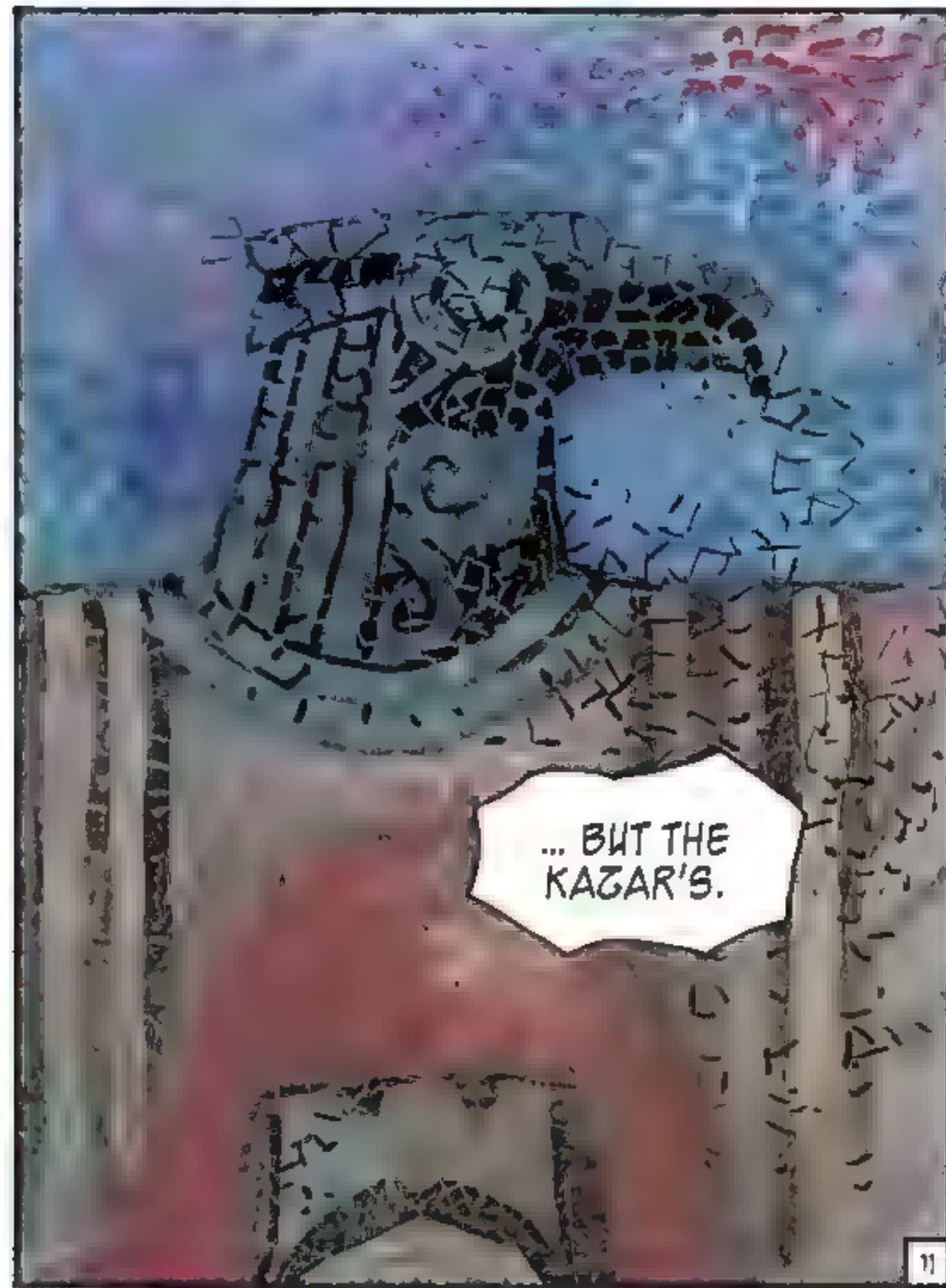
SILENCE!

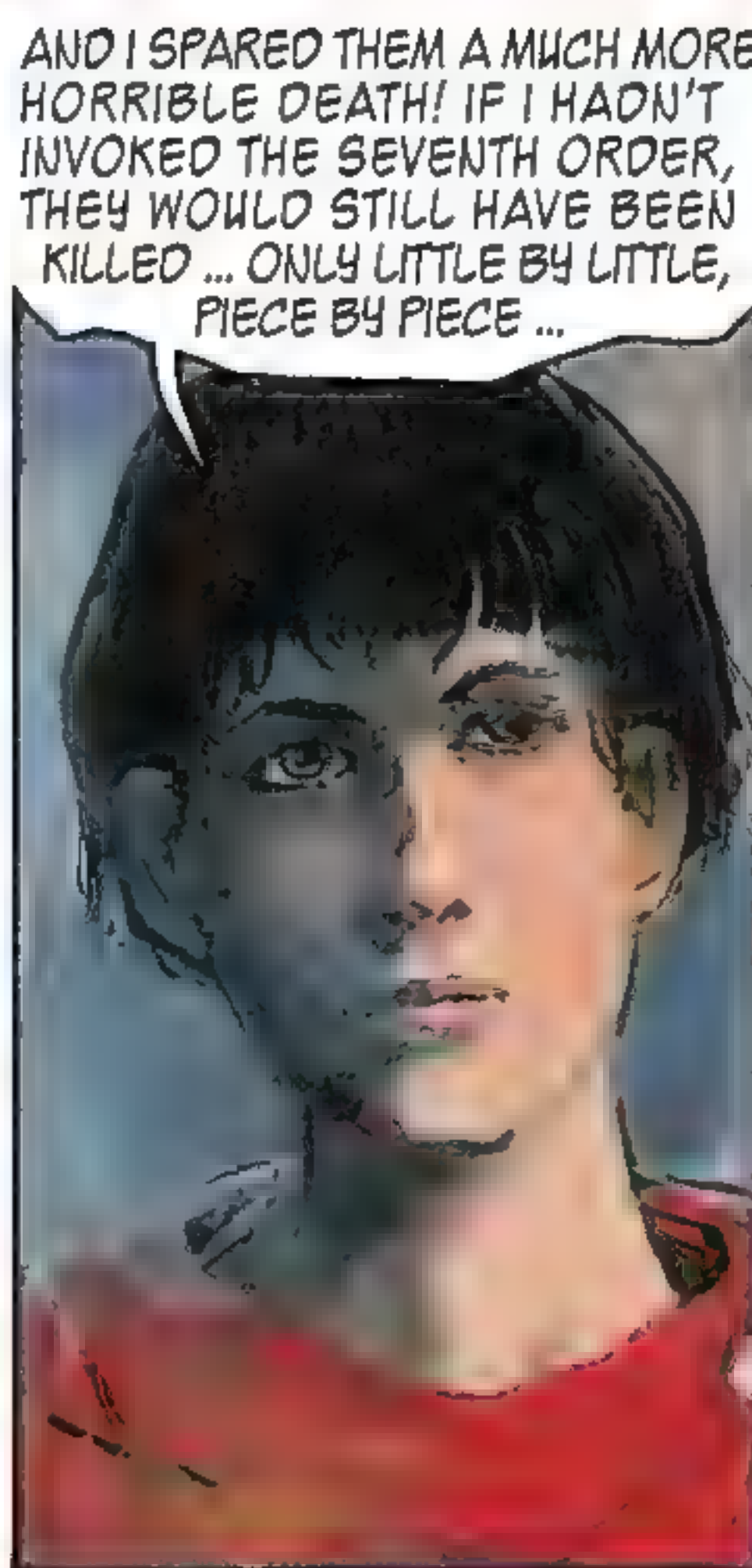
IF YOU LOVE HIM AS A RED MAGE MUST LOVE HIS APPRENTICE, THEN YOU OWE HIM THE TRUTH, AT LEAST.



HE'S NOT OUR APPRENTICE ANY MORE, BOHR ... HE'S BECOME **THE MASTER!** AND I SWEAR BEFORE THE OJI-HINS THAT I LOVE HIM FAR MORE THAN MY DUTY DEMANDS! BUT THE ONLY DECISION THAT'S EVER MATTERED IS NEITHER YOURS NOR MINE ...

... BUT THE KAZAR'S.

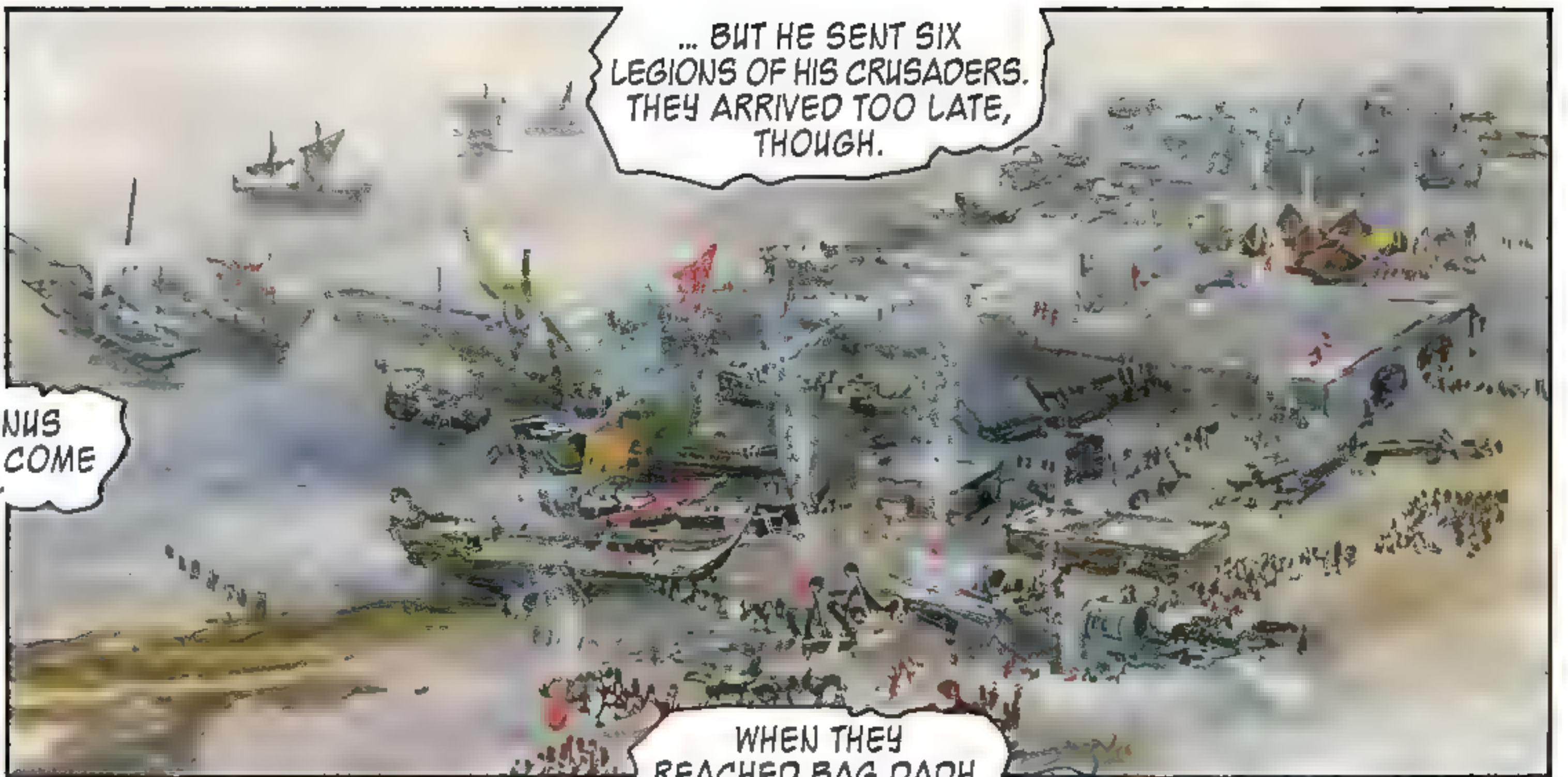




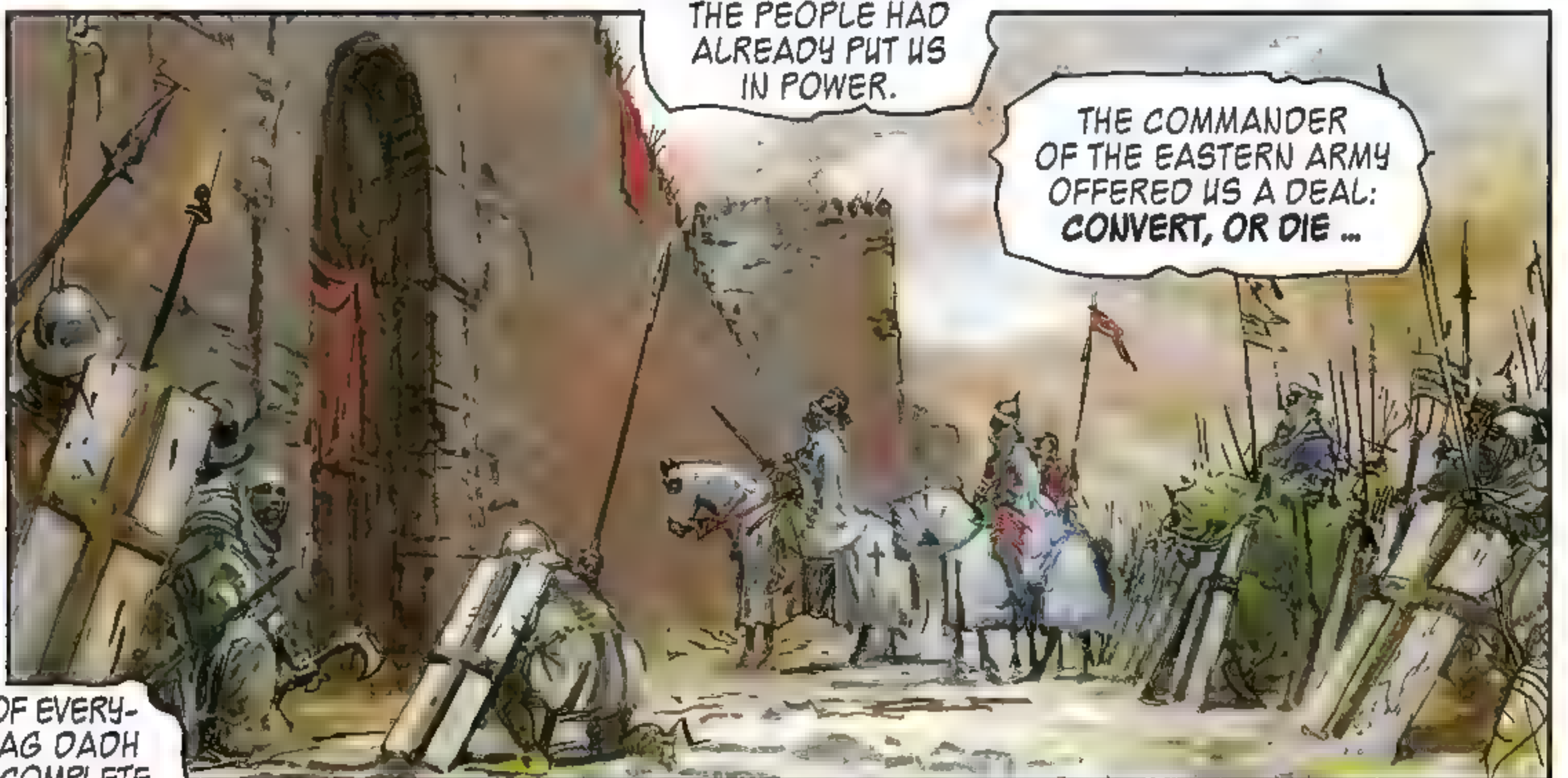


WHEN THE CALIPH SAW THAT OUR REVOLUTION WAS GOING TO SUCCEED, HE BEGGED HIS FRIEND MAGNUS, AN INFIDEL, TO COME AND HELP HIM SLAUGHTER HIS OWN PEOPLE!

MAGNUS DIDN'T COME ...

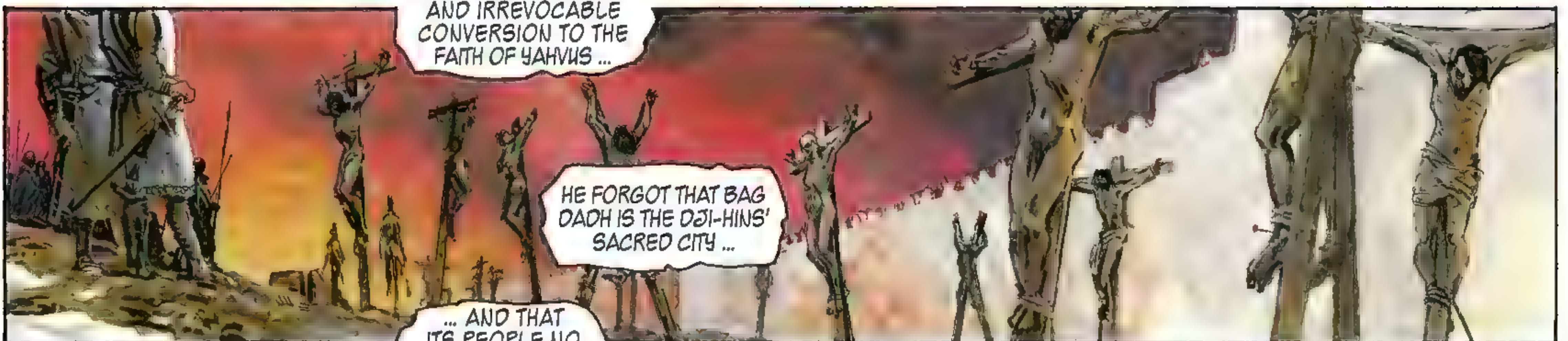


... BUT HE SENT SIX LEGIONS OF HIS CRUSADERS. THEY ARRIVED TOO LATE, THOUGH.



WHEN THEY REACHED BAG DADH, THE PEOPLE HAD ALREADY PUT US IN POWER.

THE COMMANDER OF THE EASTERN ARMY OFFERED US A DEAL: CONVERT, OR DIE ...



THE LIFE OF EVERYONE IN BAG DADH FOR THEIR COMPLETE AND IRREVOCABLE CONVERSION TO THE FAITH OF YAHVUS ...

HE FORGOT THAT BAG DADH IS THE DJI-HINS' SACRED CITY ...

... AND THAT ITS PEOPLE NO LONGER FEAR DEATH.

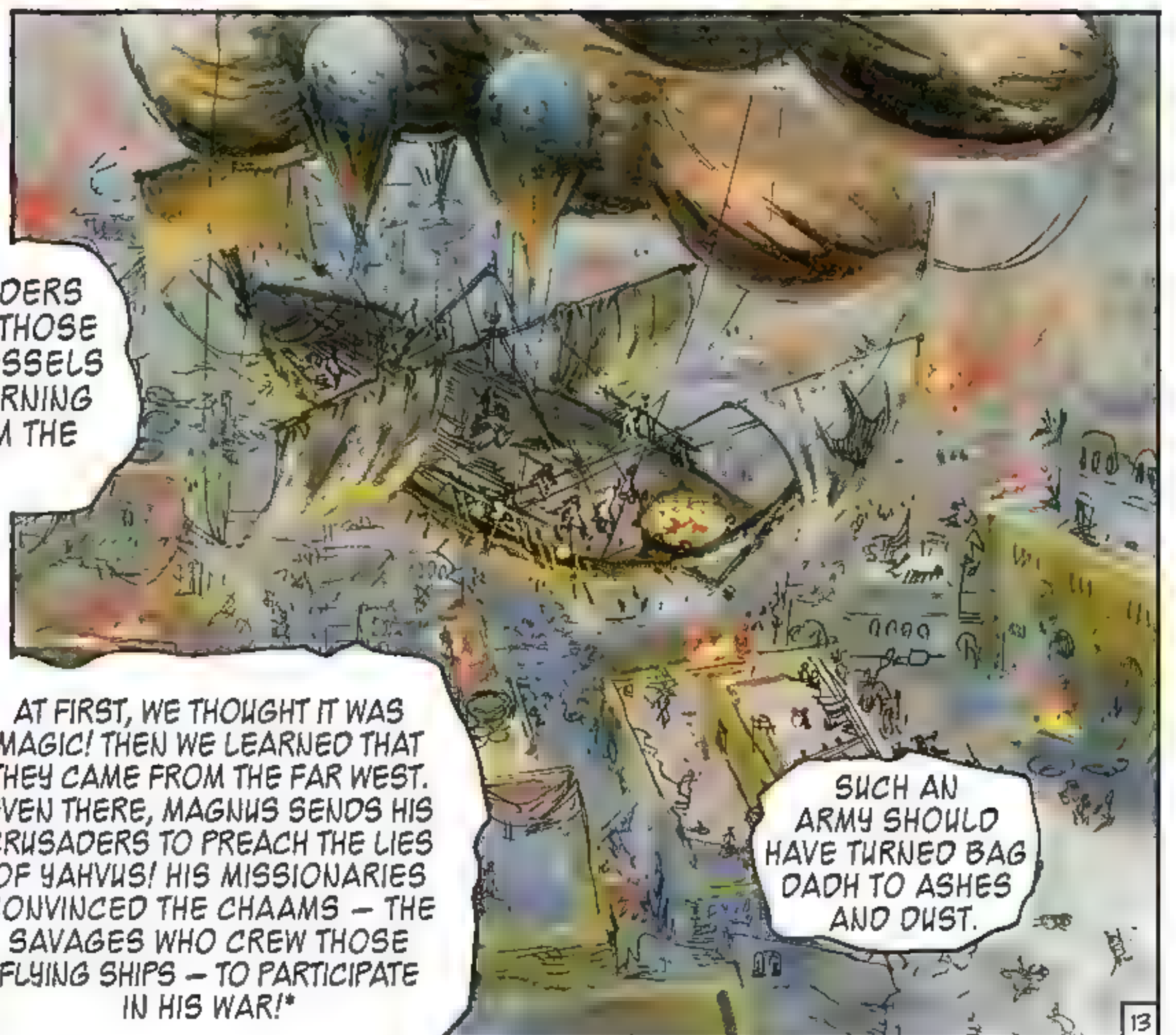


SO, THE CRUSADERS ATTACKED ...

THE ASSAULT LASTED OVER SIX DAYS ... THEY FIRED SO MANY ARROWS AND ROCKS THAT THE SKIES DARKENED!

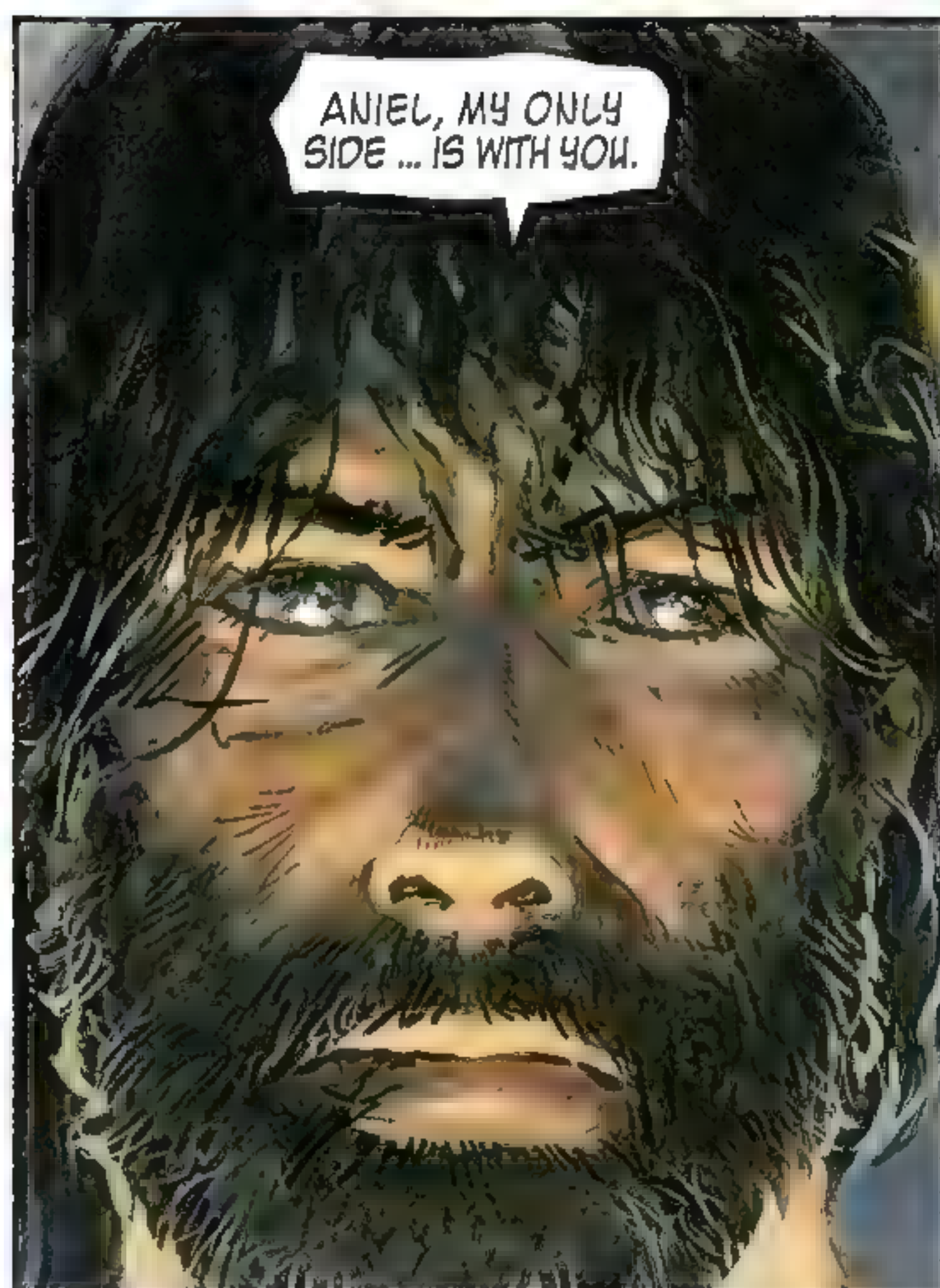
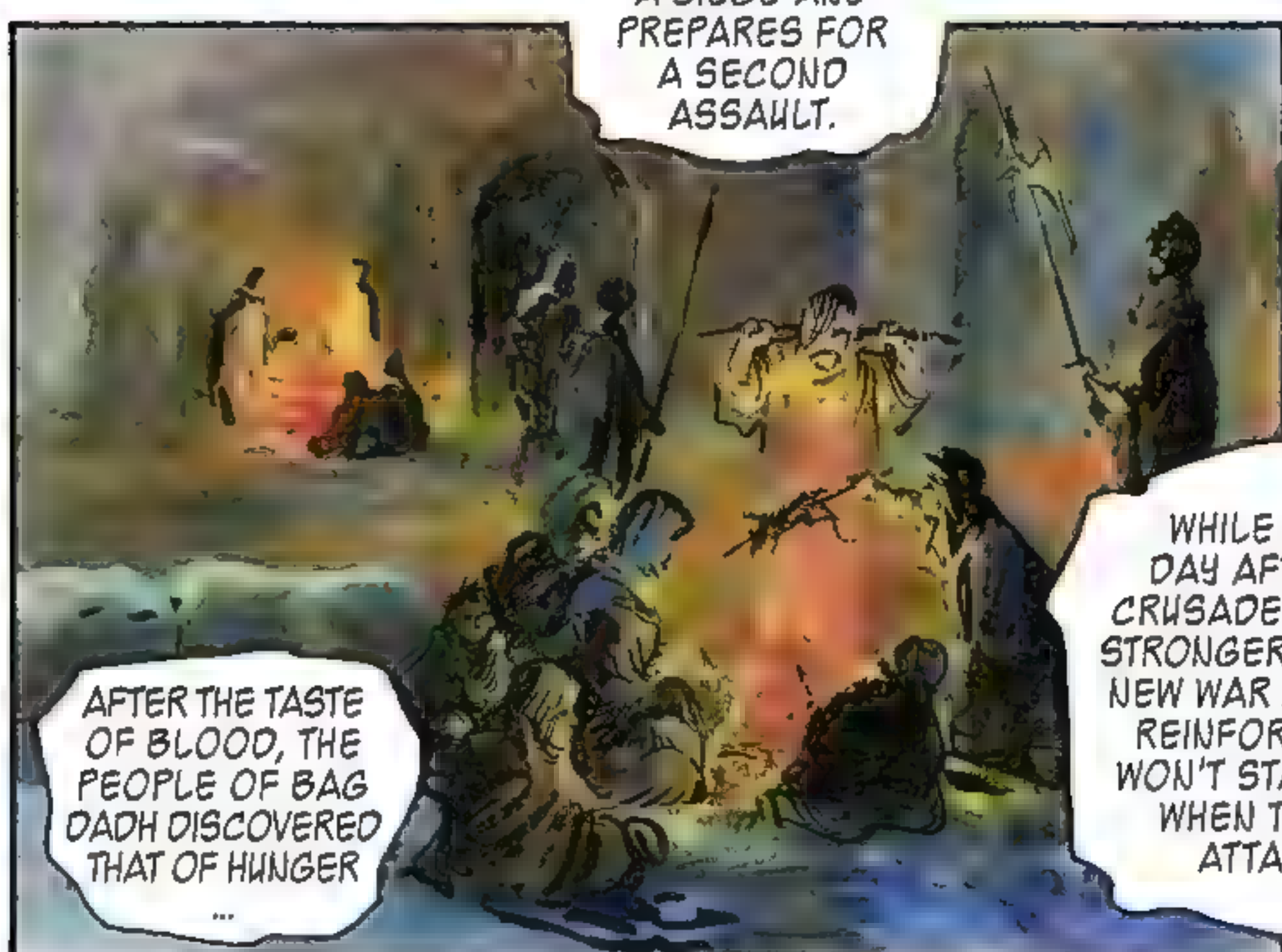
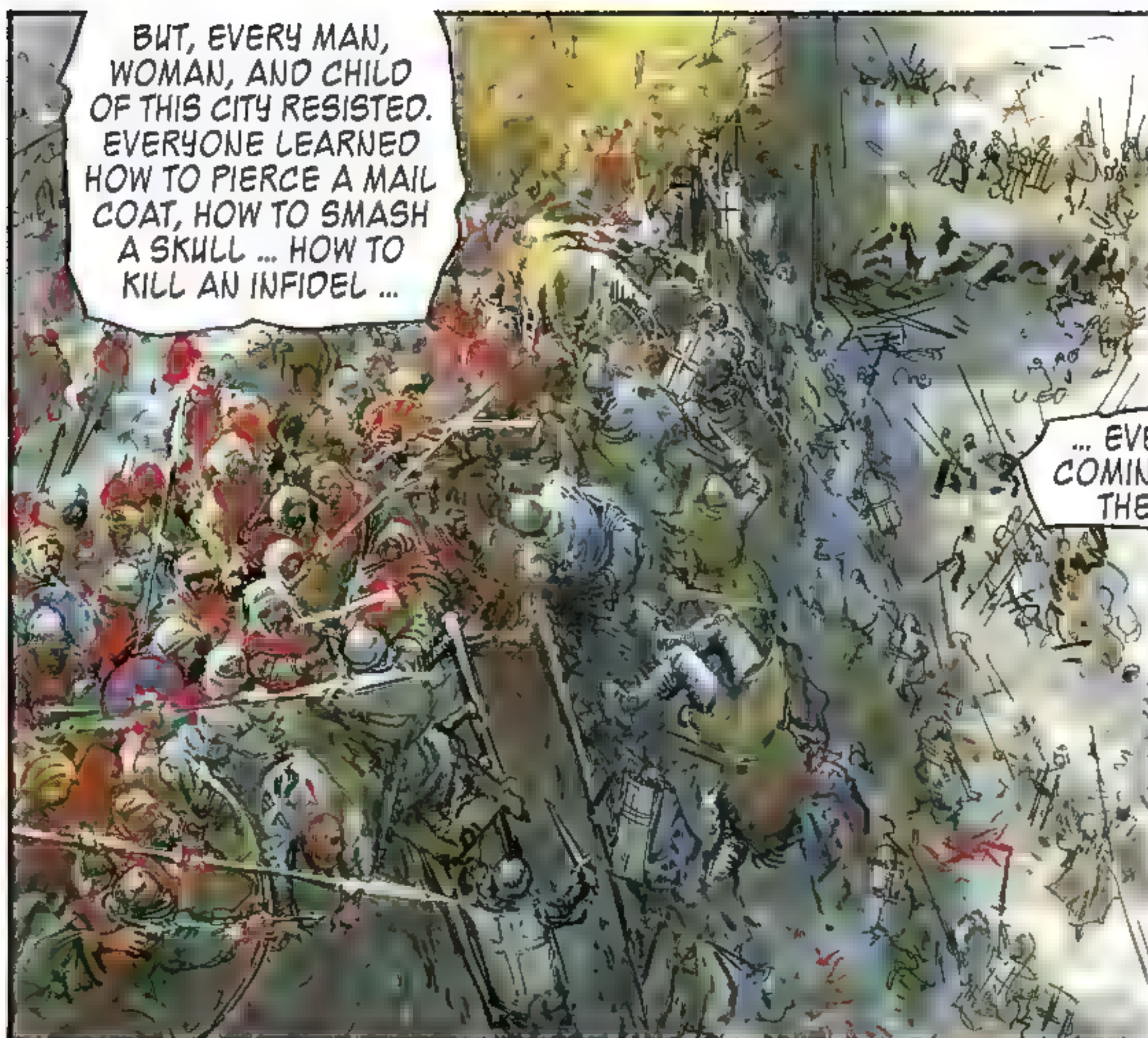
THE CRUSADERS EVEN USED THOSE STRANGE VESSELS TO POUR BURNING PITCH FROM THE SKY!

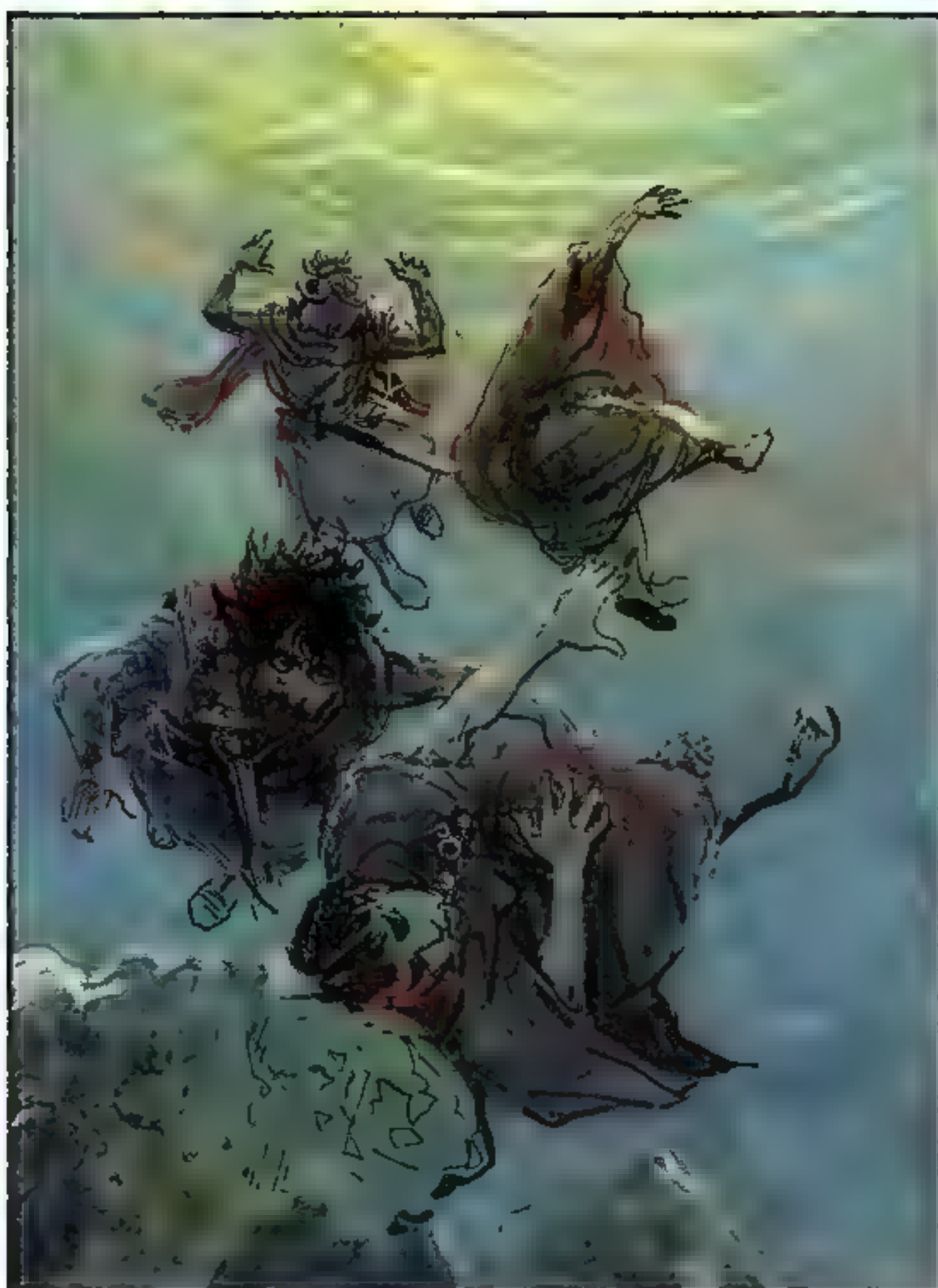
AT FIRST, WE THOUGHT IT WAS MAGIC! THEN WE LEARNED THAT THEY CAME FROM THE FAR WEST. EVEN THERE, MAGNUS SENDS HIS CRUSADERS TO PREACH THE LIES OF YAHVUS! HIS MISSIONARIES CONVINCED THE CHAAMS - THE SAVAGES WHO CREW THOSE FLYING SHIPS - TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS WAR!*



SUCH AN ARMY SHOULD HAVE TURNED BAG DADH TO ASHES AND DUST.

*SEE THE LAND OF QA.







HOMMKAANNOOMBAOOM!!

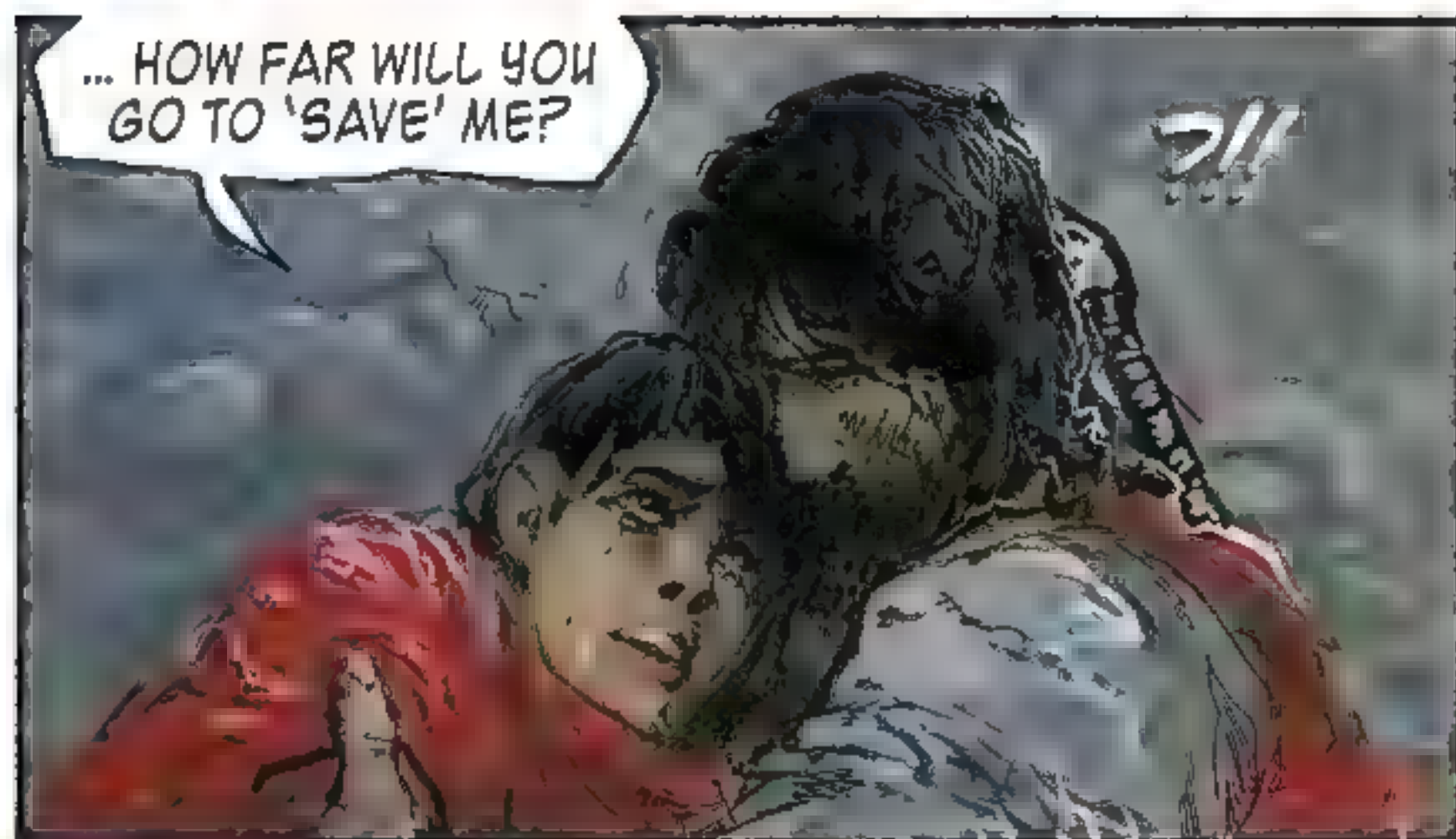


FIND THEM! TURN EVERY STONE OF THIS PALACE OVER IF YOU HAVE TO! ...



... BUT, FIND THEM!

WHAT NOW, THORGAL? ...



... HOW FAR WILL YOU GO TO 'SAVE' ME?



ANIEL!



THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED, ANIEL. I—

THIS CAN WAIT, THORGAL. KEEP GOING. WE MUST LEAVE THE CITY BEFORE THE CRUSADERS BURN IT TO THE GROUND!

HOW? BAG DADH IS BESIEGED!



THANKS TO LEHLA AND ALAD ...

I DIDN'T COME TO GET YOU WITHOUT A PLAN!



SPREAD OUT! AND FIND THEM!

EVERYTHING HAPPENED SO FAST ... THE VERY DAY THAT THE REINCARNATION TOOK PLACE, THE RED MAGES RETURNED TO BAG DADH WITH ANIEL - AND PROBABLY YOU TWO AS WELL.

THEY PARADED ANIEL BEFORE THE CROWD AT THE GREAT SOUK AND DEMANDED THAT POWER BE HANDED OVER TO THEIR CHOSEN.



LEHLA, ALAD, AND I LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR YOU. NO ONE KNEW WHERE THEY WERE KEEPING YOU.



THE REVOLT GREW IN SIZE. HUNDREDS DEFECTED FROM THE CALIPH'S ARMY.

THEN THE REPRESSION BEGAN ...



... AND THAT WAS WHEN WE HEARD THAT THE CRUSADERS WERE MARCHING ON BAG DADH.

AND NO ONE RAN?

THE CALIPH HAD THE GATES LOCKED! HE DIDN'T WANT TO REIGN OVER AN EMPTY CITY! BESIDES, NO FOLLOWER OF RED MAGIC WOULD HAVE FLED BAG DADH - IT'S OUR SACRED CITY! WHERE THE GREAT GRIMOIRE WAS GIVEN TO MEN!



SALIMA ... PETROV AND I ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR HELP, BUT ... YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT WHEN THERE WAS STILL TIME.

WITHOUT YOU?

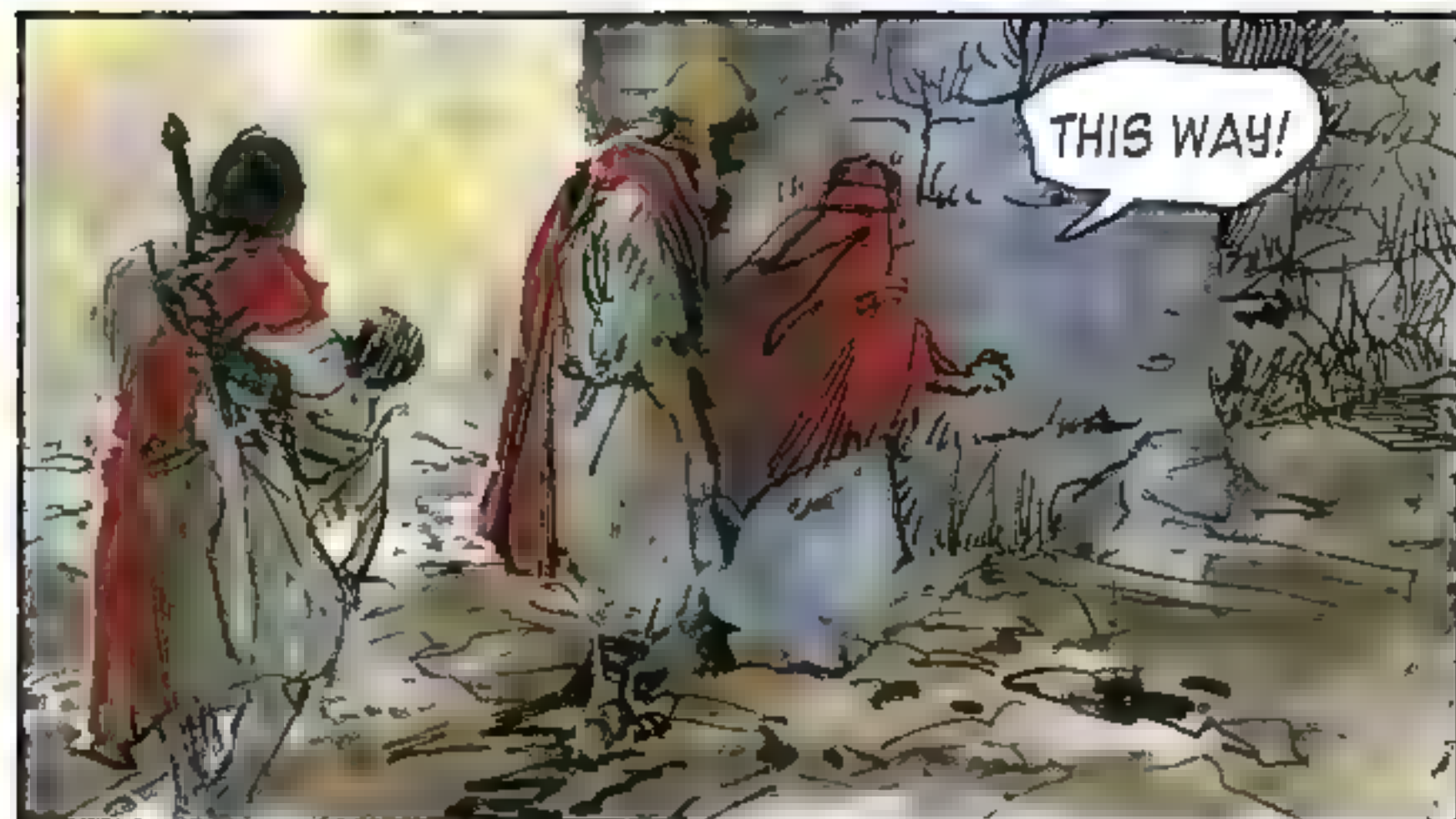


I WISH I COULD HAVE FREED YOU EARLIER ... SAVED ANIEL FROM THEM ...

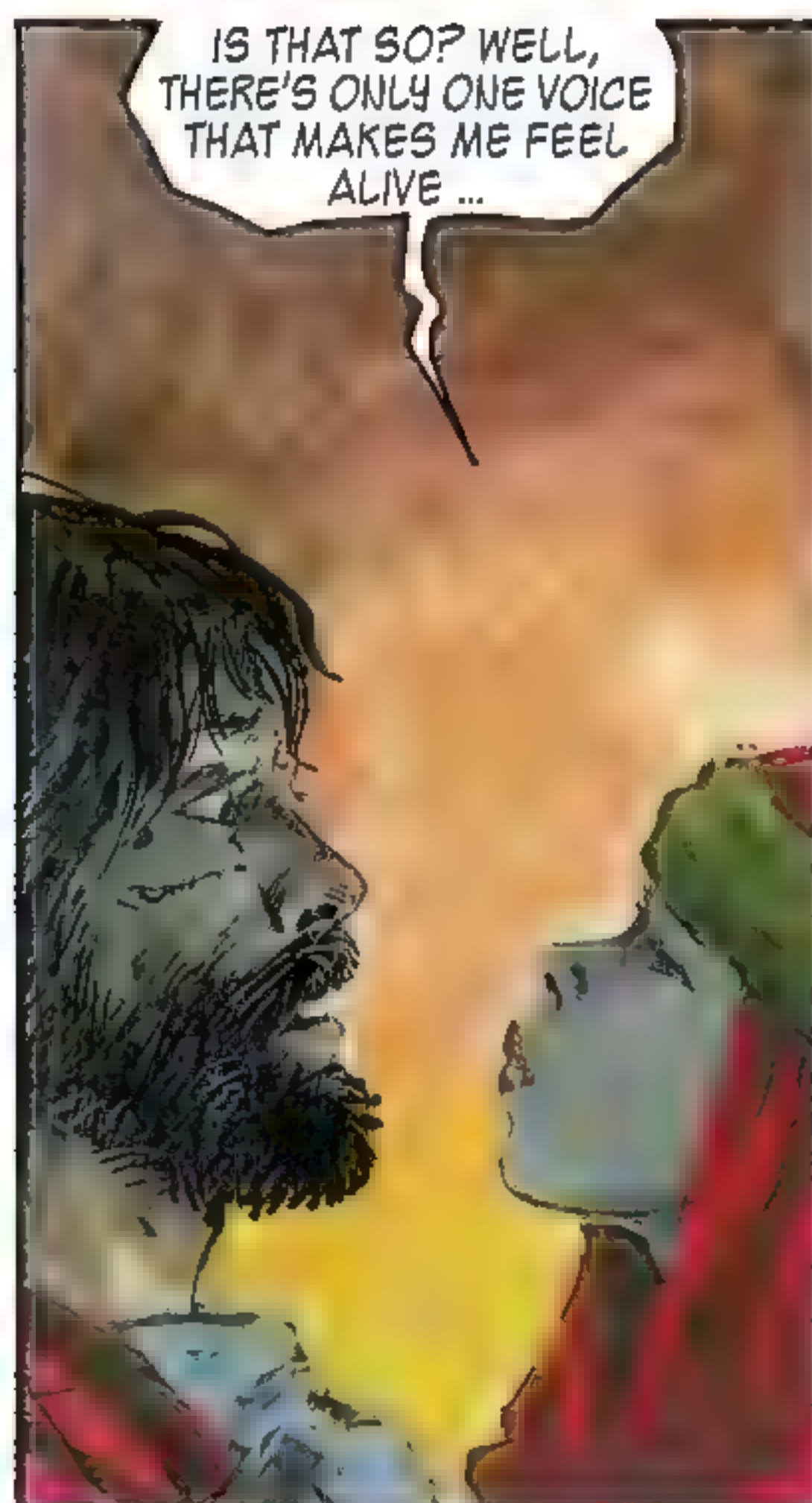
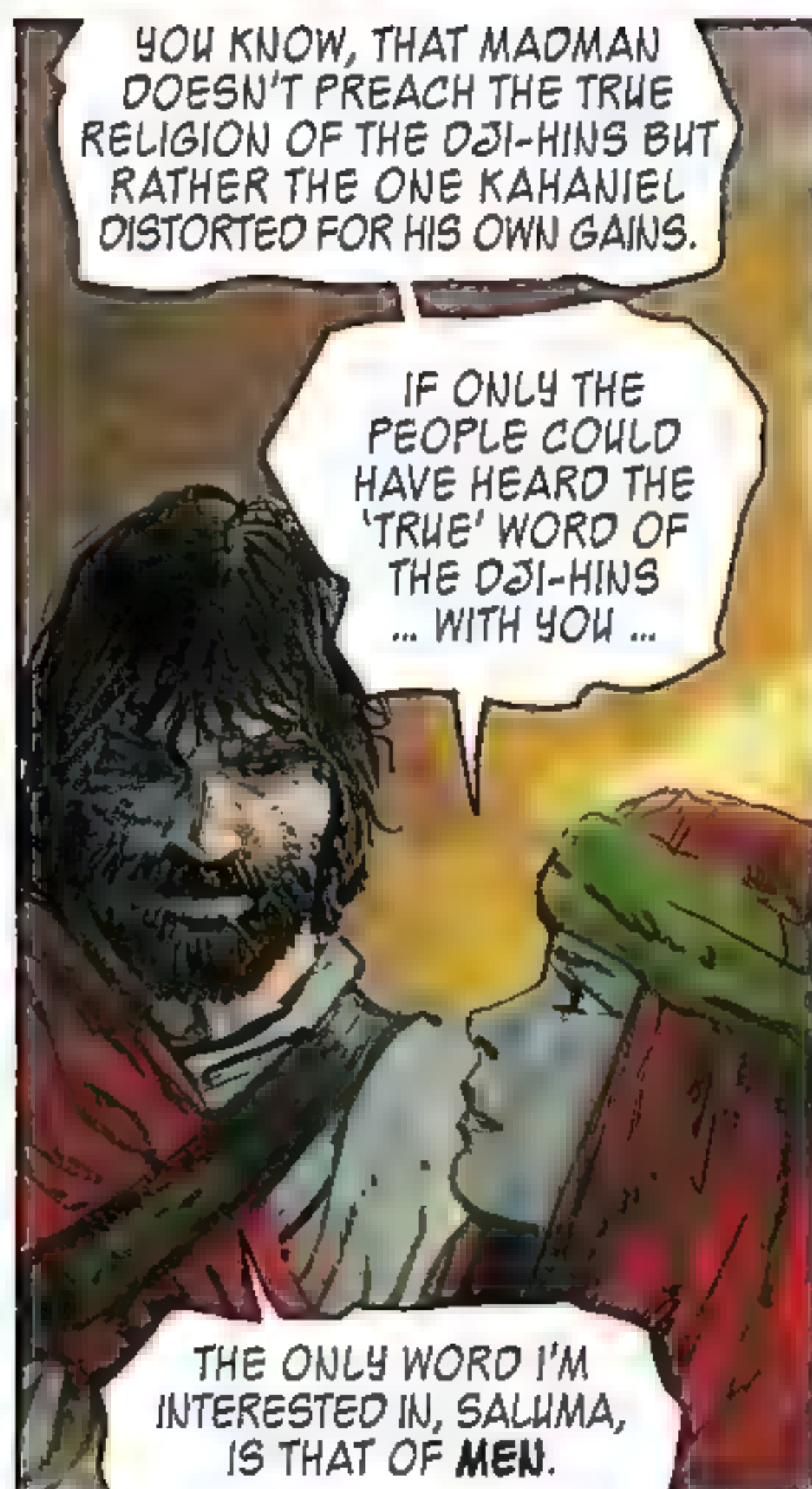
I KNOW ...

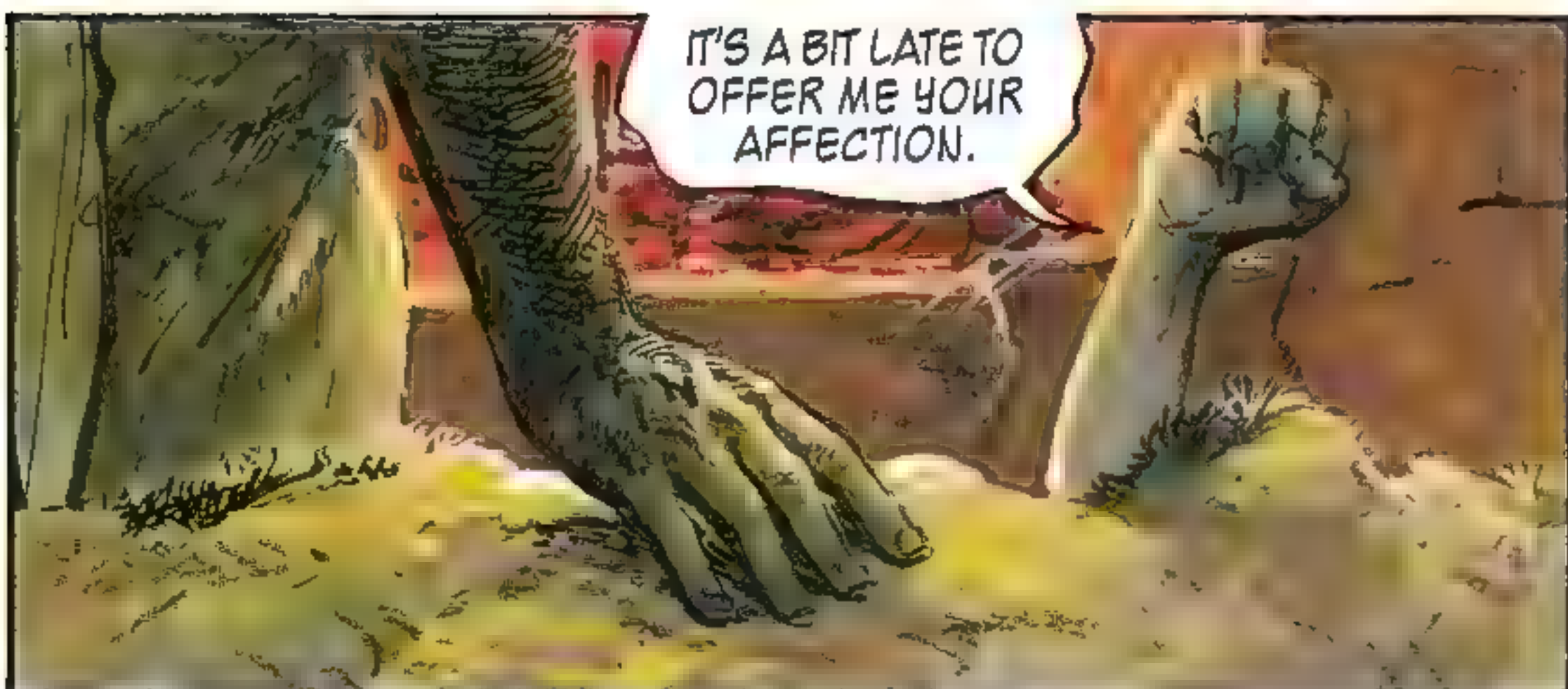
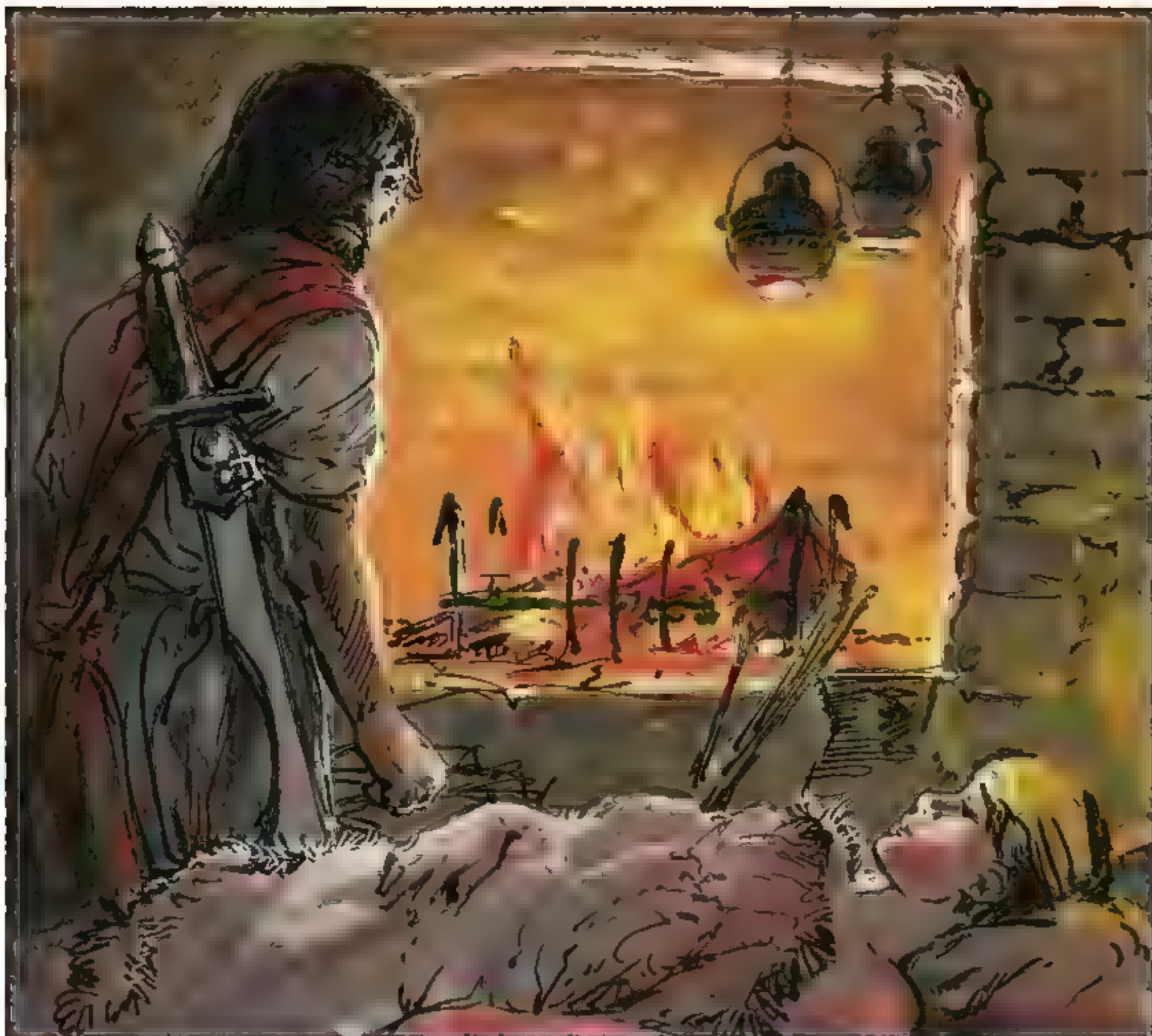


THE COAST IS CLEAR. LET'S GO.









YES. JUST AS YOU WERE WRONG TO ABANDON YOUR WIFE AND DAUGHTER, TO CROSS DESERTS AND OCEANS TO COME AND FIND ME. WHEN YOU DIDN'T DO IT OUT OF LOVE, BUT RATHER DUTY.

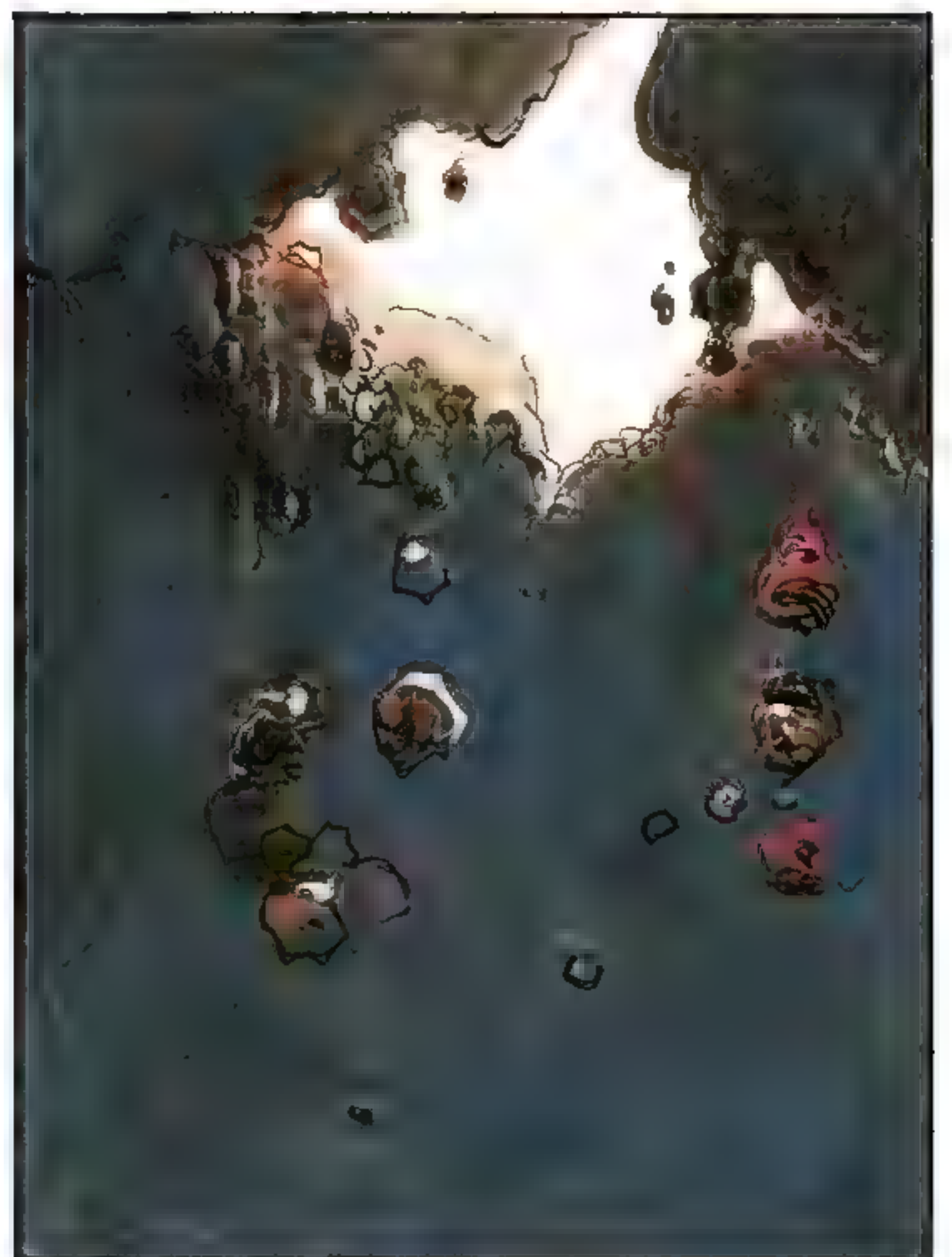
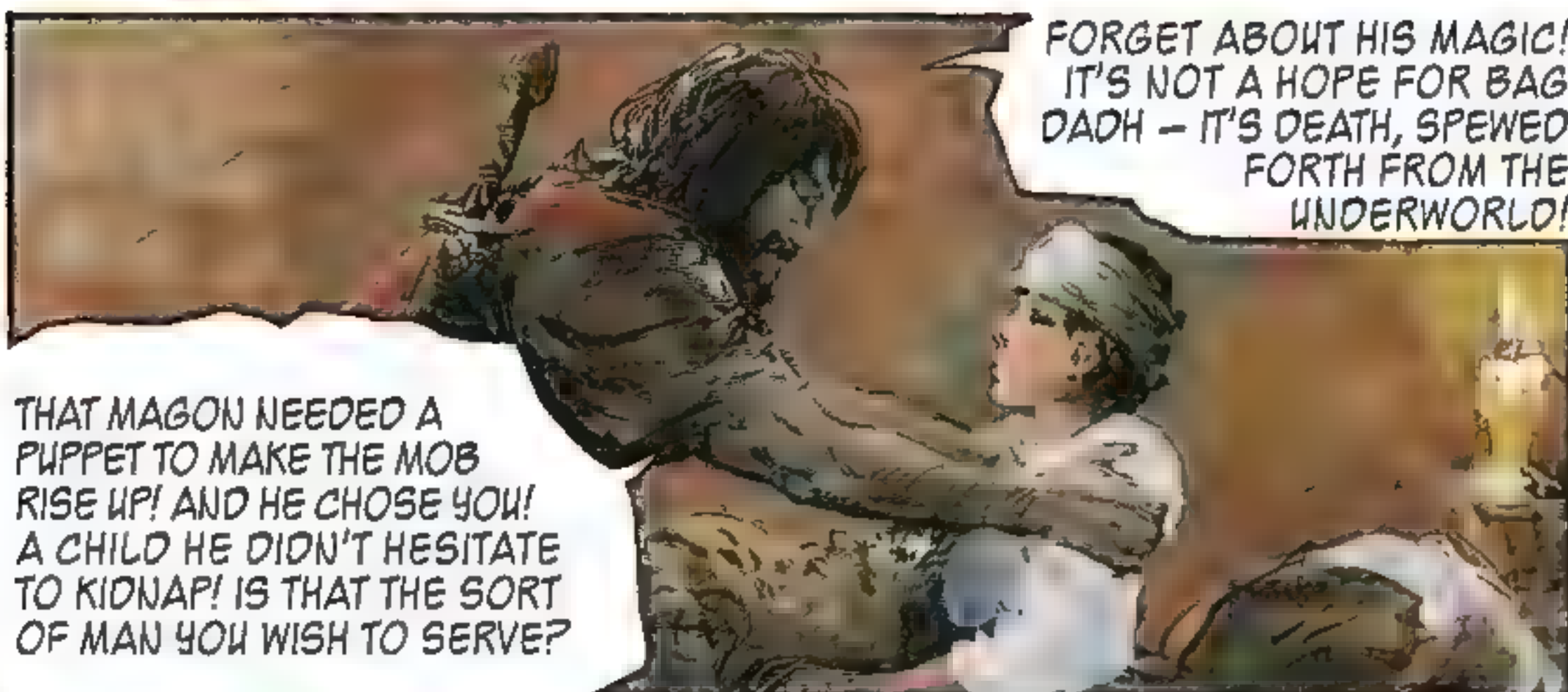
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, ANIEL?

YOUR DUTY AS A FATHER, AS A HUSBAND ... THOSE ARE THE ONLY DUTIES YOU EVER BENT TO! WHAT ABOUT YOUR DUTY AS A CHILD OF THE STARS? AS THE BEST ARCHER IN THE SEVEN KINGDOMS?

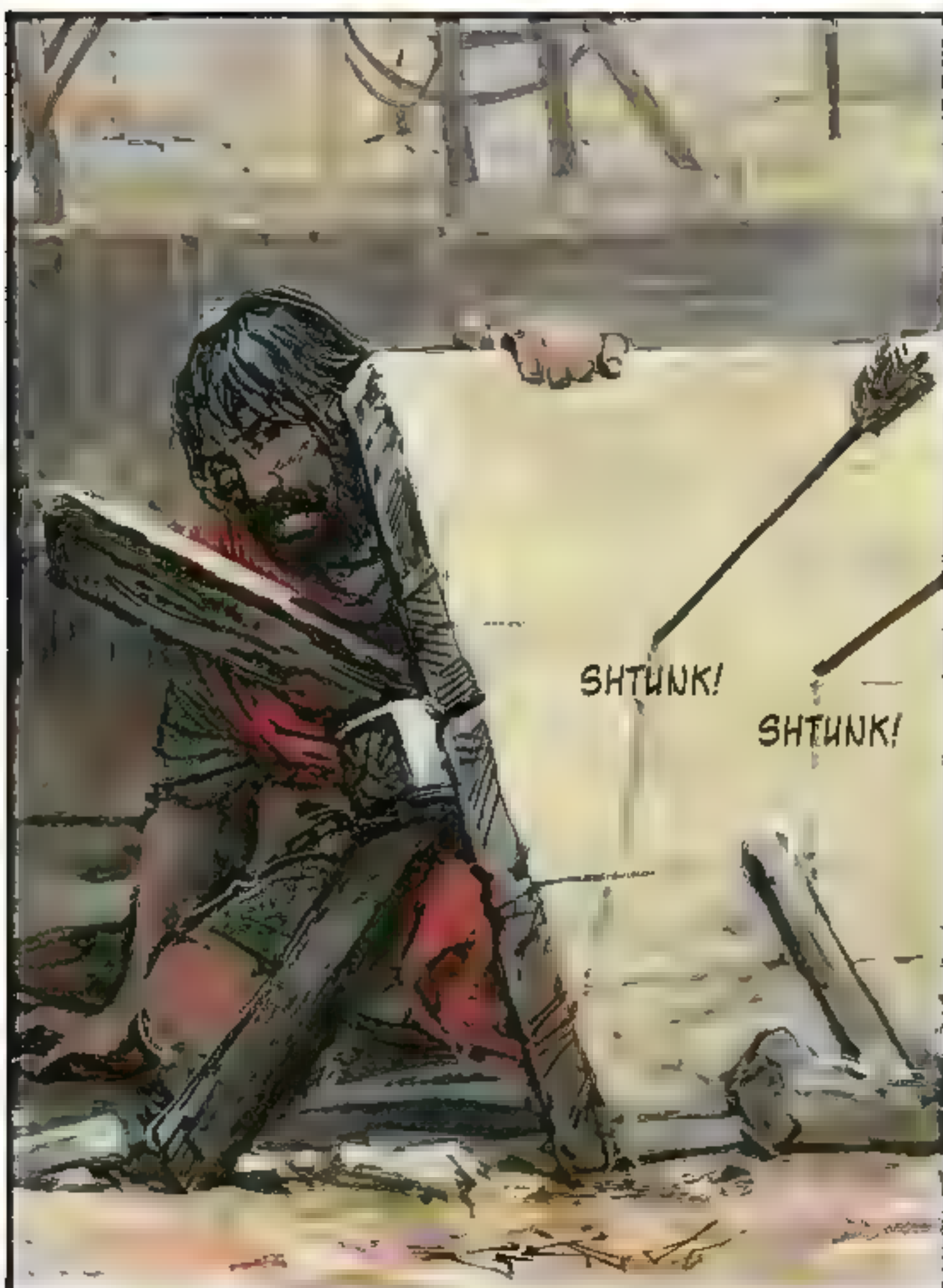
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THOSE GIFTS TO THIS DAY? WHAT HAVE YOU CHANGED, OR BUILT?

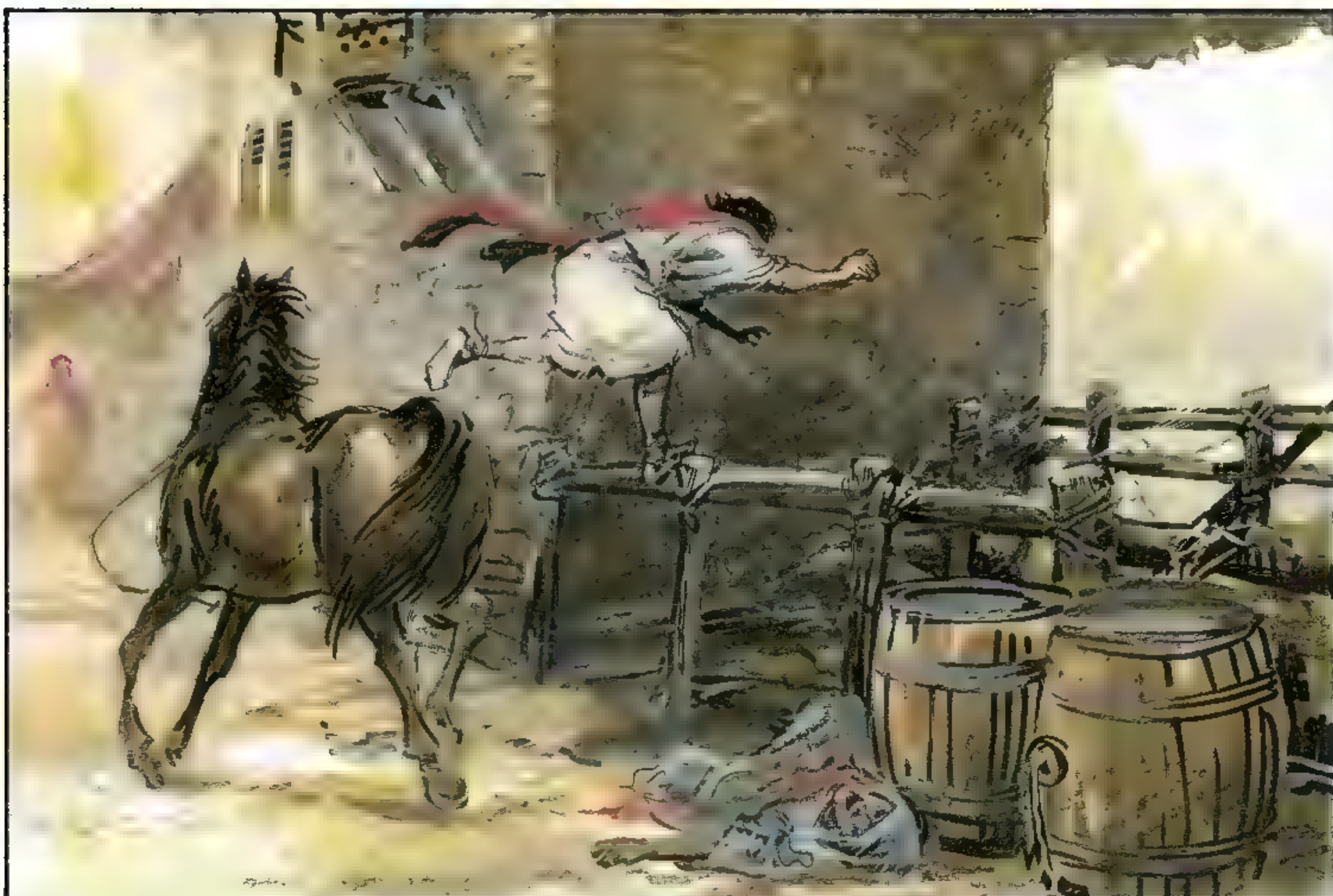
YOUR FAMILY IS IN TATTERS. YOUR HOUSE IS IN RUINS.

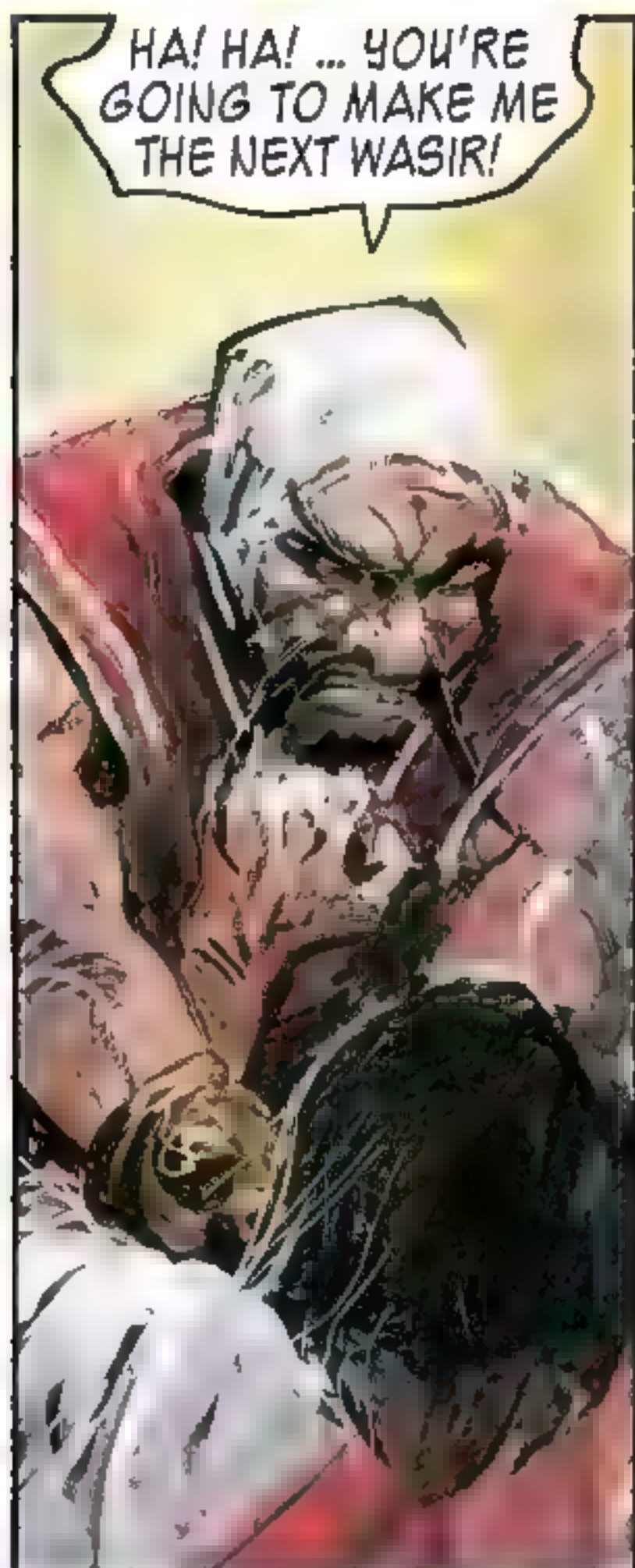
AND IN THE NAME OF SUCH 'VICTORIES', YOU CAME TO BAG DAQH TO STEAL THE ONLY BEING CAPABLE OF SAVING ITS PEOPLE?













I KNOW, ALAD.
IT HURTS. BUT I HAVE
TO MAKE IT TIGHT
TO STOP THE
BLEEDING ...

AAAAHHH!



KEEP YOUR
HAND ON IT. I'LL
APPLY A SECOND
TOURNIQUET.

AHH ... A CURSE
ON RED MAGES -
EVERY LAST ONE
OF THEM!!



YES, YES ... STILL,
THEY'RE THE ONES
DEFENDING THE CITY
YOU'RE TRYING TO
FLEE ...

WHAT?!!!



THE MAGES HAD MY
MOTHER HANGED FROM
A BRIDGE!!! JUST BECAUSE
SHE REFUSED TO GO TO THE
SCARLET FIRE CEREMONIES
... AND YOU WANT ME TO
HELP THOSE MAD CURS
KEEP BAG DADH???

I UNDERSTAND ...
YOU'LL NEVER AGAIN
BE ABLE TO SEE ANY
GOOD IN THEM, WILL
YOU? ...



NEVER!

WHY ARE
YOU ASKING
ME, THOUGH?



BECAUSE I
WISH I HAD A
CHOICE ...

URGHL ... ???!!!



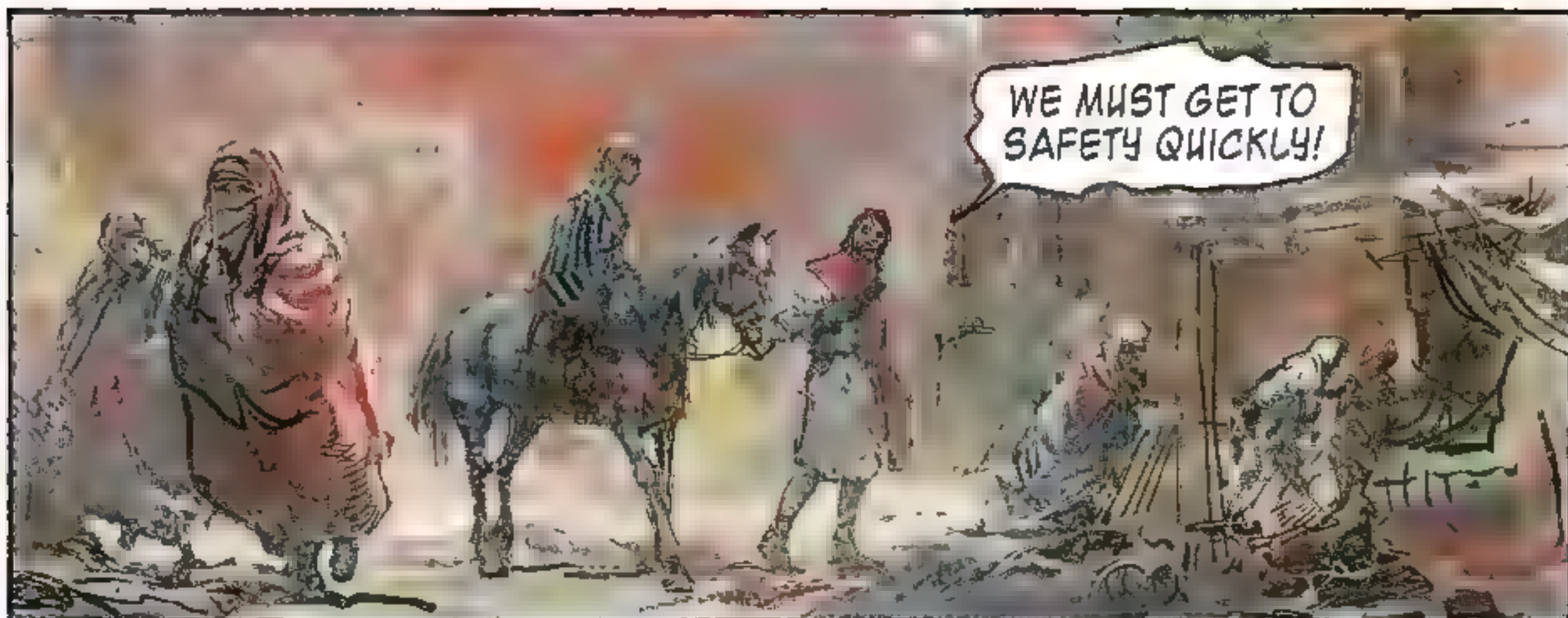
REST IN PEACE, ALAD.
YOU WILL ARRIVE A
PRINCE IN THE KINGDOM
OF THE DJI-
HINS.







THE WATCH
TOWER HORN!
THE CRUSADERS
ARE PREPARING
TO ATTACK!



WE MUST GET TO
SAFETY QUICKLY!



THERE IS
NO SAFETY
...



... FROM THAT.



?!!



YOU? ...

YOU MUST TAKE
ANIEL AWAY FROM
BAG DADH ...

NOW ...



... OR THERE
WILL BE NO
TOMORROW
FOR THIS
WORLD.



ANIEL
KILLED ALAD
AND CAPTURED
SALUMA!
I KNOW IT!



YOU AND YOUR RED MAGES
KIDNAPPED HIM AND TURNED
HIM INTO A MONSTER! AND NOW
YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU
FIND HIM???!!



IF THE CRUSADERS
DON'T NAIL YOU TO
THEIR CROSS, I'LL
KILL YOU MYSELF!



LEHLA ...I'M AS SAD AS
YOU ARE ABOUT ALAD,
BUT WE HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
NOW YOU MUST THINK
ABOUT SURVIVAL ...

... NOT
REVENGE.



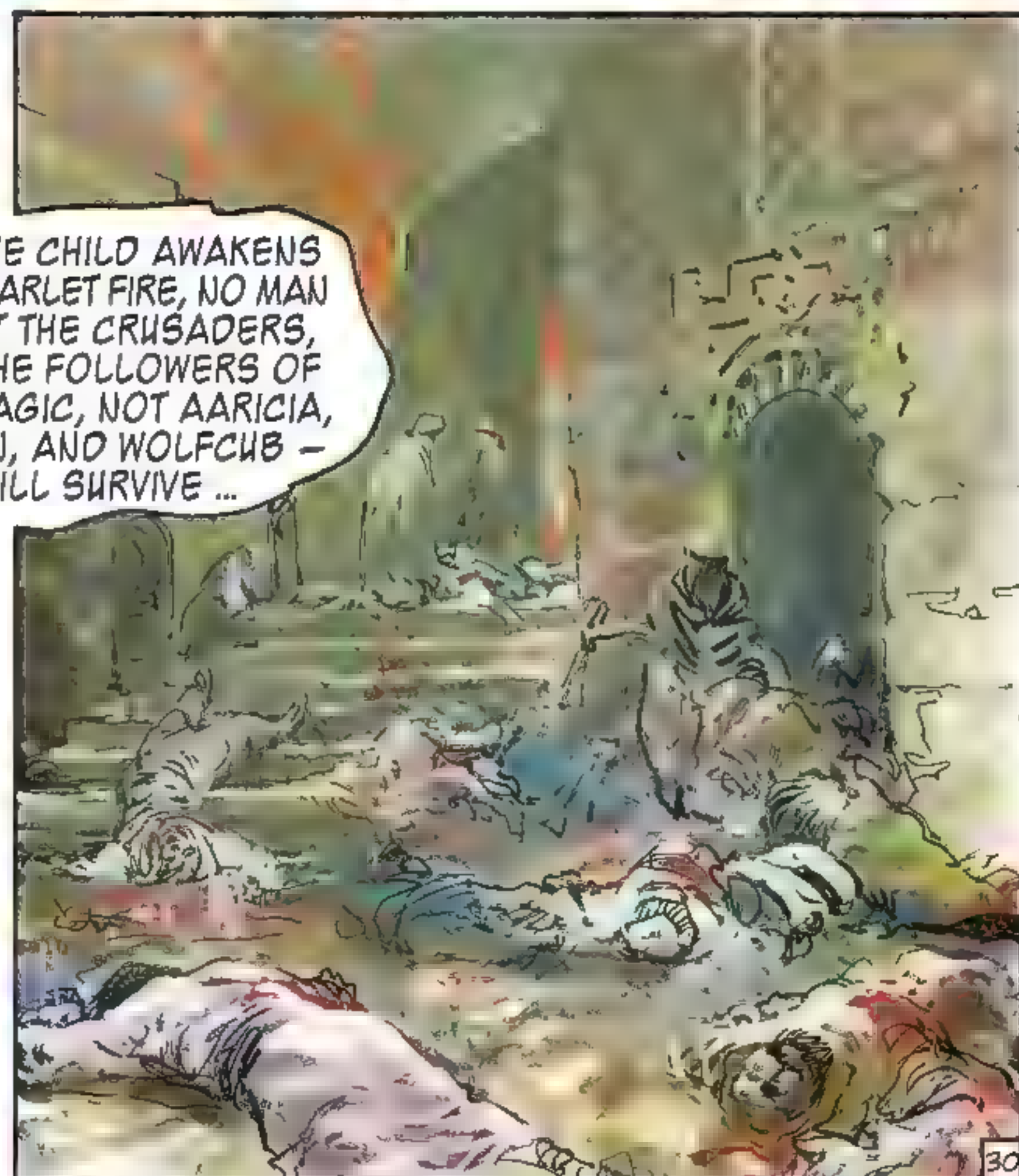
AND YOU MUST **FORGET YOUR
SON!** ACCEPT WHAT HE HAS
BECOME! ACCEPT THAT YOU
CANNOT HELP HIM! AND
LET'S LEAVE! **NOW!**



IT'S TIME TO
THINK ABOUT YOUR
WIFE AND YOUR
OTHER CHILDREN.



YES. THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT THORGAL MUST DO
... AND THAT IS WHY HE
MUST FIND ANIEL.



IF THE CHILD AWAKENS
THE SCARLET FIRE, NO MAN
- NOT THE CRUSADERS,
NOT THE FOLLOWERS OF
RED MAGIC, NOT AARICIA,
JOLAN, AND WOLFCUB -
WILL SURVIVE ...



MAGON AND THE KAZAR THINK THAT IT'S A RISK WORTH TAKING TO SAVE BAG DAQH FROM THE CRUSADERS. I DON'T.

THE SCARLET FIRE CANNOT BE CONTROLLED! IT WILL SPREAD TO EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD AND WON'T SPARE A SINGLE SOUL!

I'M CONVINCED THAT IT IS A TRAP LAID BY THE DJI-HINS TO PUNISH MEN, SHOULD WE EVER BECOME SO ARROGANT AS TO TWIST THE GREATEST POWERS OF THEIR MAGIC TO OUR OWN ENDS.

THORGAL, YOUR SON IS FULL OF ANGER. AT YOU, FOR NOT LOVING HIM ENOUGH. AT HIS MOTHER, FOR DYING AND LEAVING HIM ALONE ON THIS EARTH.

YOU MUST APPEASE YOUR SON'S RAGE. IT IS THE ONE THING THAT FEEDS THE SCARLET FIRE. KILL HIS ANGER AND YOU WILL STOP THE RITUAL.

I ... I AM A VIKING, BOHR. I KNOW HOW TO KILL A MAN OR A BEAST ... NOT ANGER!

YOU CAN'T HUNT IT WITH A SWORD OR ARROWS BUT WITH YOUR HEART AND WORDS.

TELL HIM HIS MOTHER IS ... ALIVE.

KRISS ... IS ALIVE? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

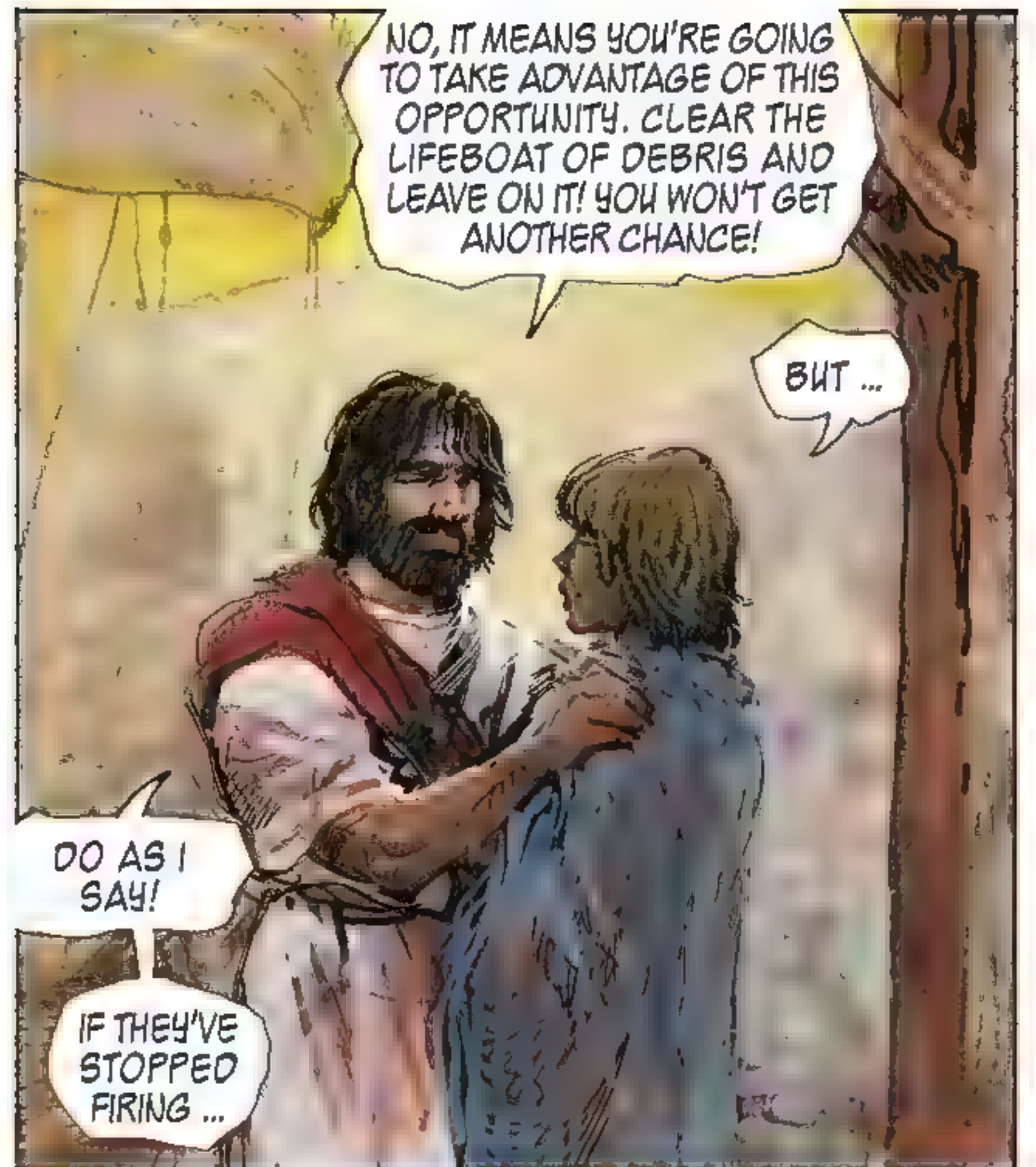
OUR ENVOYS HAVE KNOWN FOR MONTHS. SHE HAS BECOME QUEEN OF THE NORTH ... MAGON HID THAT TRUTH FROM ANIEL TO KEEP HIS RAGE STOKED.

COME WITH ME, THORGAL! TIME IS SHORT. I CAN TAKE YOU TO THE SACRED SOURCE! IT IS THE HOLY OF HOLIES OF OUR RELIGION ... IF THERE'S STILL A CHANCE TO STOP ANIEL, IT WILL BE THERE!

THORGAL ... IF THIS BLACKGUARD SPEAKS TRUE, THEN WE SHOULD GO WITH YOU.

IF YOU LOVE ME, THEN I BEG YOU ... DO NOT DIE FOR ME.

LEAVE.





WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE'RE NOT THERE YET!
THE RUINS OF THE SACRED
SOURCE ARE IN THE
BEGGARS' QUARTER!

LOOK
BEHIND
YOU, BOHR.



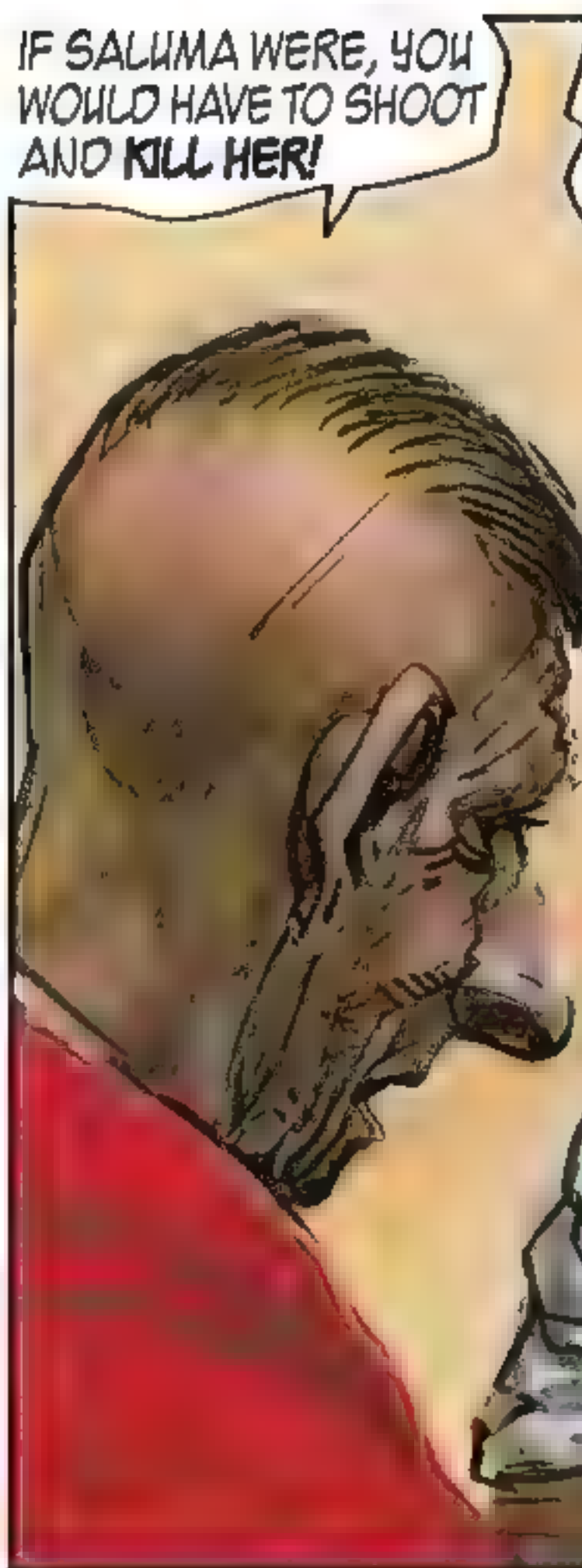
ARE YOU SURE
WE SHOULD
STOP MY
SON ...

... RATHER
THAN
FIGHT?



FIGHT? TO SAVE
ONE OR TWO? UNLESS
YOU STOP ANIEL,
THEY WILL ALL
PERISH!

IF LEHLA OR
SALUMA WERE
DOWN THERE, I
WOULDN'T EVEN
LISTEN TO
YOU ...



IF SALUMA WERE, YOU
WOULD HAVE TO SHOOT
AND KILL HER!



SHE LIED TO YOU. SHE'S NO MERE NOVICE OF OUR ORDER,
NOR DID SHE SAVE YOU OUT OF LOVE. IT FLATTERED YOUR
PRIDE, SO YOU LISTENED TO HER ... BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT
YOUR MEETING ON THE BLADE SHIP WASN'T HAPPENSTANCE.
SHE'S HAD PLANS FOR YOU FOR A LONG TIME ...

SALUMA?!!
WHY? ... WHY WOULD
SHE?

BECAUSE SHE IS
THE TEMPORAL SOUL
OF THE RED MAGES.

SHE IS THE
KAZAR.

?!



IF YOU ONLY
GET TO FIRE ONE
MORE ARROW ...



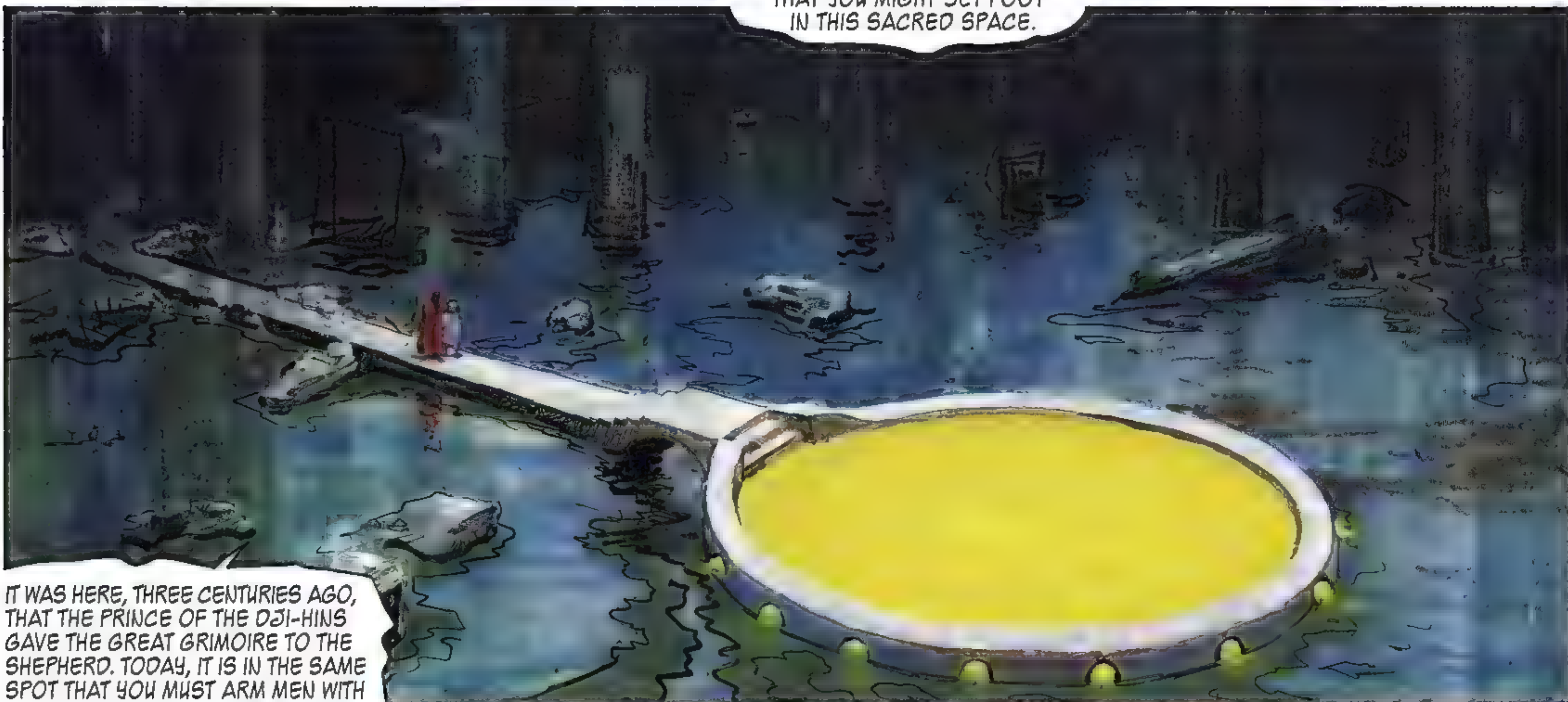
... THEN,
AIM IT AT HER
HEART.

YOU TOOK MANY RISKS TO
BRING ANIEL BACK, BUT THE
ORDER DOES NOT THANK YOU,
YOUNG SALUMA, FOR YOU WERE
DOING NO MORE THAN YOUR
DUTY. YOU CAN LEAVE NOW.

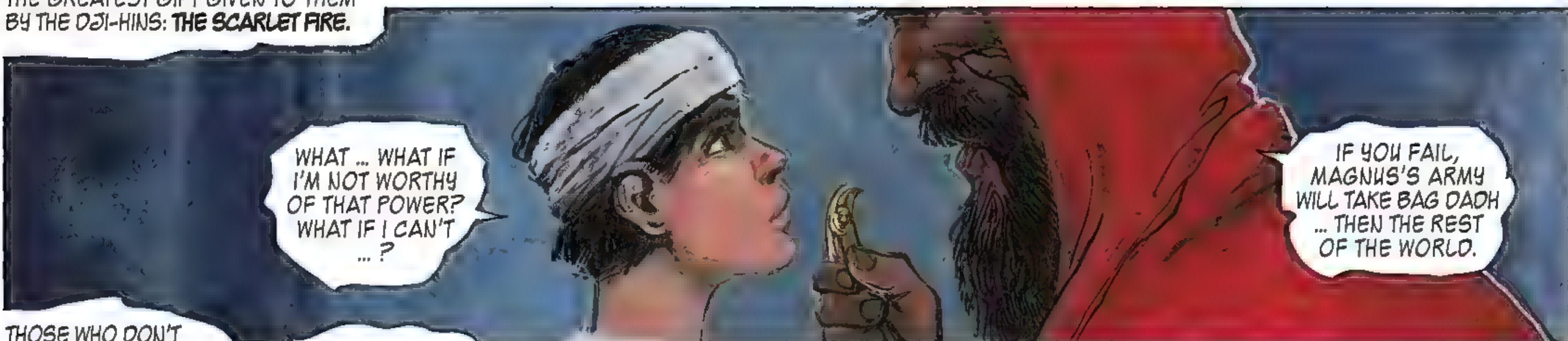
YES, MASTER
MAGON.



SINCE YOUR RESURRECTION, ANIEL, THOUSANDS OF THE FAITHFUL HAVE WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO DIG A PATH THROUGH THESE RUINS. THEIR ONLY REWARD WAS THE HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT SET FOOT IN THIS SACRED SPACE.



IT WAS HERE, THREE CENTURIES AGO, THAT THE PRINCE OF THE DŶI-HINS GAVE THE GREAT GRIMOIRE TO THE SHEPHERD. TODAY, IT IS IN THE SAME SPOT THAT YOU MUST ARM MEN WITH THE GREATEST GIFT GIVEN TO THEM BY THE DŶI-HINS: THE SCARLET FIRE.



WHAT ... WHAT IF I'M NOT WORTHY OF THAT POWER? WHAT IF I CAN'T ... ?

IF YOU FAIL, MAGNUS'S ARMY WILL TAKE BAG DADH ... THEN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

THOSE WHO DON'T CONVERT TO THE WORSHIP OF YAHVUS WILL BE EXTERMINATED! THE OTHERS WILL LIVE AS SLAVES!

I MUST TRUST YOU - I DO TRUST YOU! WHAT COULD POSSIBLY STOP YOU?

ANIEL, MY CHILD ... I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM HIM UNTIL YOU CAN MAKE HIM PAY FOR HIS CRIMES YOURSELF.

THEN, I SHALL DO AS YOU SAY, MAGON ...



MY FATHER ...

HE WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO TAKE ME BACK ... HE'S A LIAR AND A MURDERER.



OF COURSE, ANIEL ...



... I NEVER DOUBTED YOU.



THAT WAS TOUCHING, MAGON. YOU HAD EVEN ME CONVINCED.

I ... I REALLY DO CARE FOR HIM, KAZAR.



OF COURSE YOU DO, MAGON! ANIEL IS THE REINCARNATION OF KAHANIEL! WHO WOULDN'T CARE FOR HIM?!! ... BUT, WHAT MATTERED MOST WAS THAT HE'D CARE FOR YOU - AND YOU ENSURED HE WOULD, MASTERFULLY.



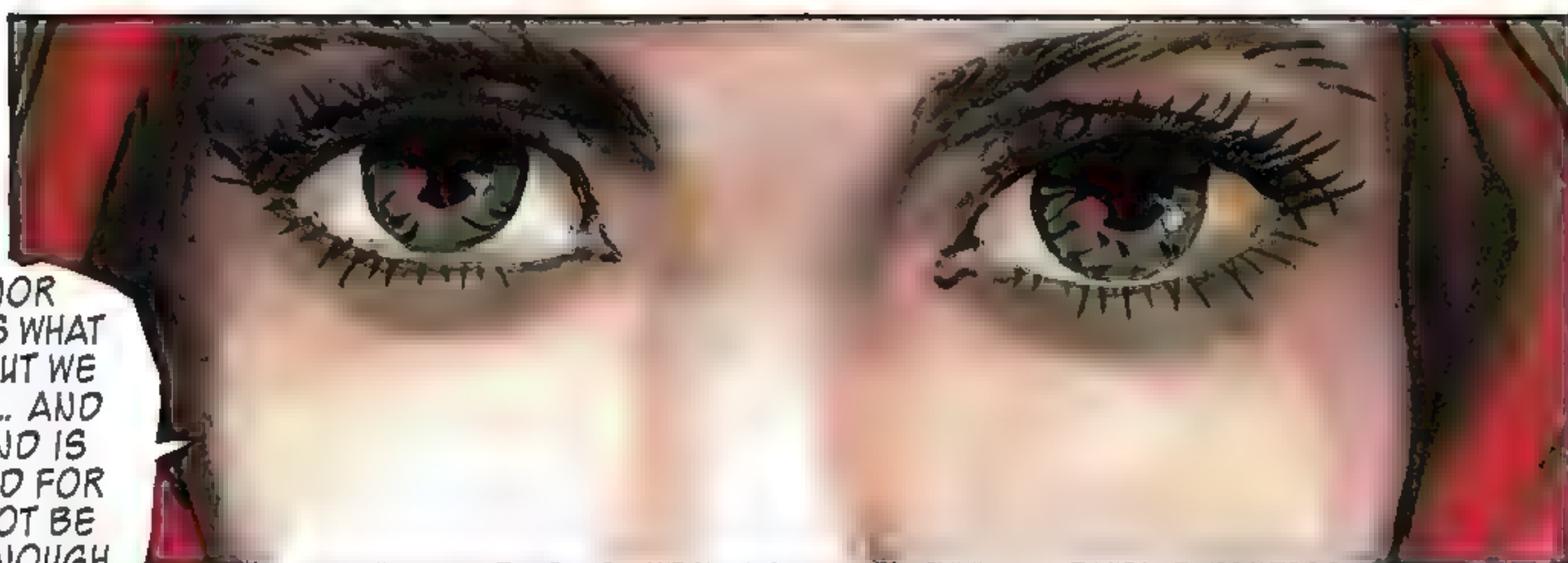
NOW WE MUST SEND AWAY ALL OF OUR MEN GUARDING THE ENTRANCE. THORGAL WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE, AND NOTHING MUST PREVENT HIM FROM REACHING ANIEL.

YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND, KAZAR ... THEN, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO WAIT AND PRAY THAT ANIEL SUCCEEDS.



NO. THERE IS ONE LAST STEP BEFORE THAT. YOU MUST DIE BY THORGAL'S HAND - OR AT LEAST MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOU DID ...

I AM SORRY, MAGON. I DID EVERYTHING FOR ANIEL TO FREE HIMSELF FROM HIS OLD TIES. FOR RAGE TO BUILD UP INSIDE HIM AND GIVE HIM THE STRENGTH TO LIGHT THE SCARLET FIRE. BUT THERE IS ONE LAST BOND BETWEEN HIM AND THORGAL. NOT BECAUSE HE'S HIS FATHER BUT BECAUSE, DESPITE ALL OUR LIES, ANIEL CAN STILL SEE THE TRUE NATURE OF THAT MAN ...



NEITHER ANIEL NOR THORGAL DESERVES WHAT WE DID TO THEM. BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE ... AND UNLESS THAT BOND IS SEVERED ONCE AND FOR ALL, ANIEL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MUSTER ENOUGH RAGE TO DOMINATE THE SCARLET FIRE ...



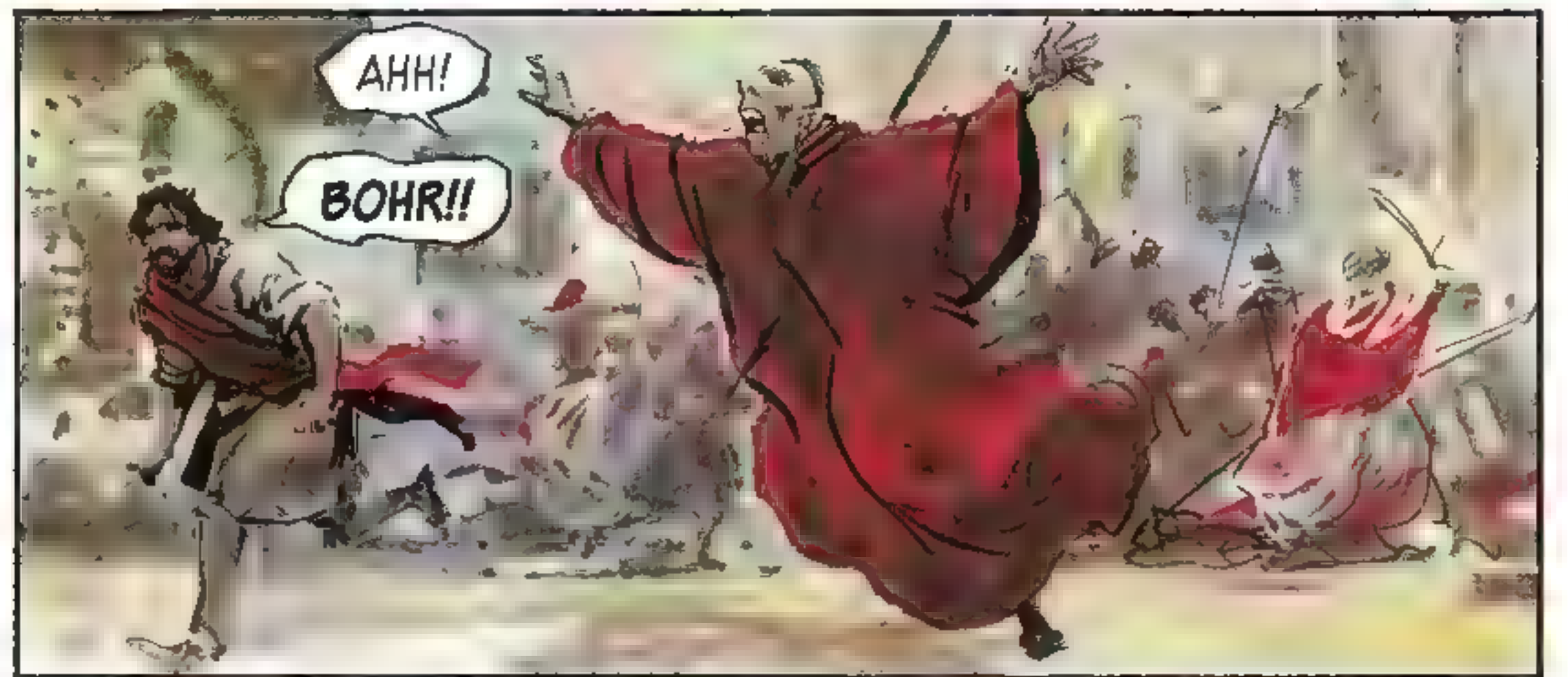
... AND YOU ALONE CAN SEVER THE TIE NOW.



REJOICE, MAGON ...

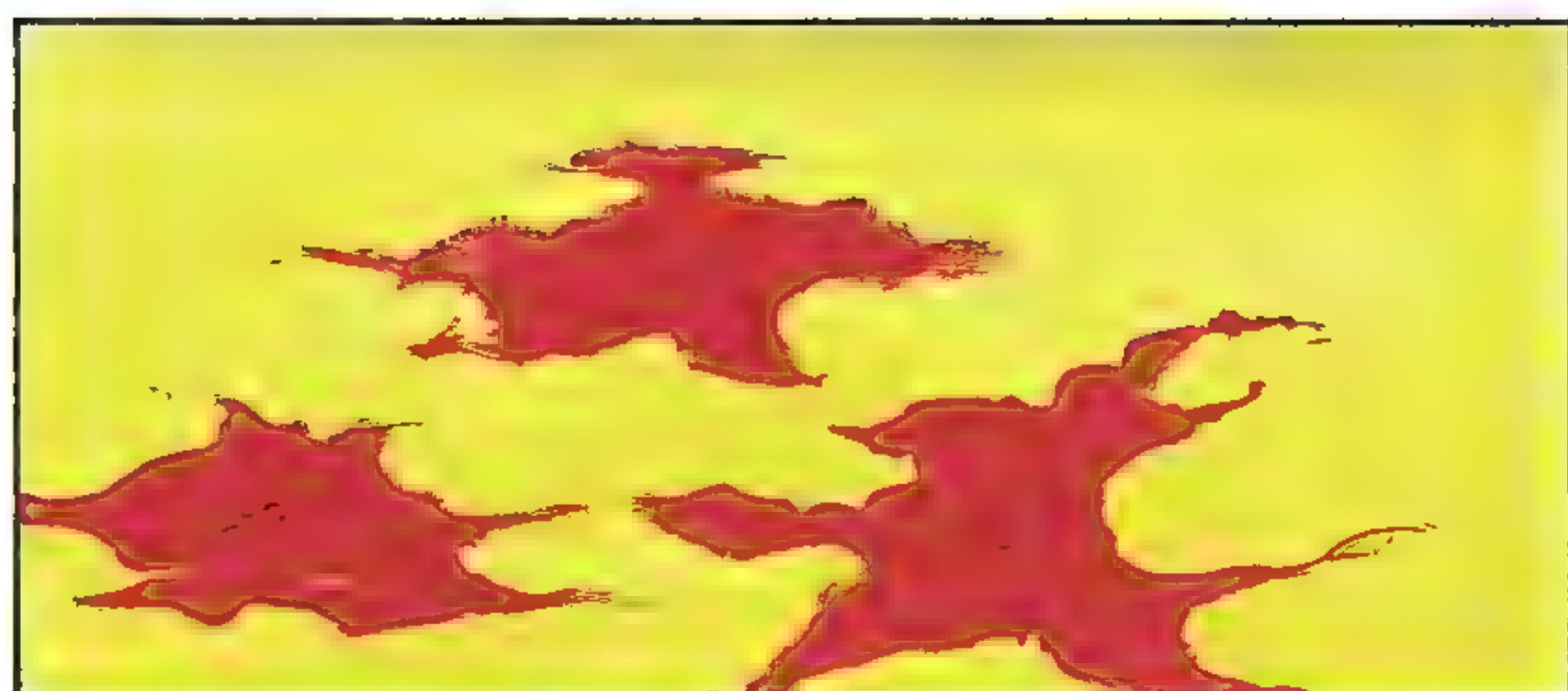
... FOR THE DJI-HINS WILL WELCOME YOU AS A PRINCE.

URK ... URK ... AHH ...

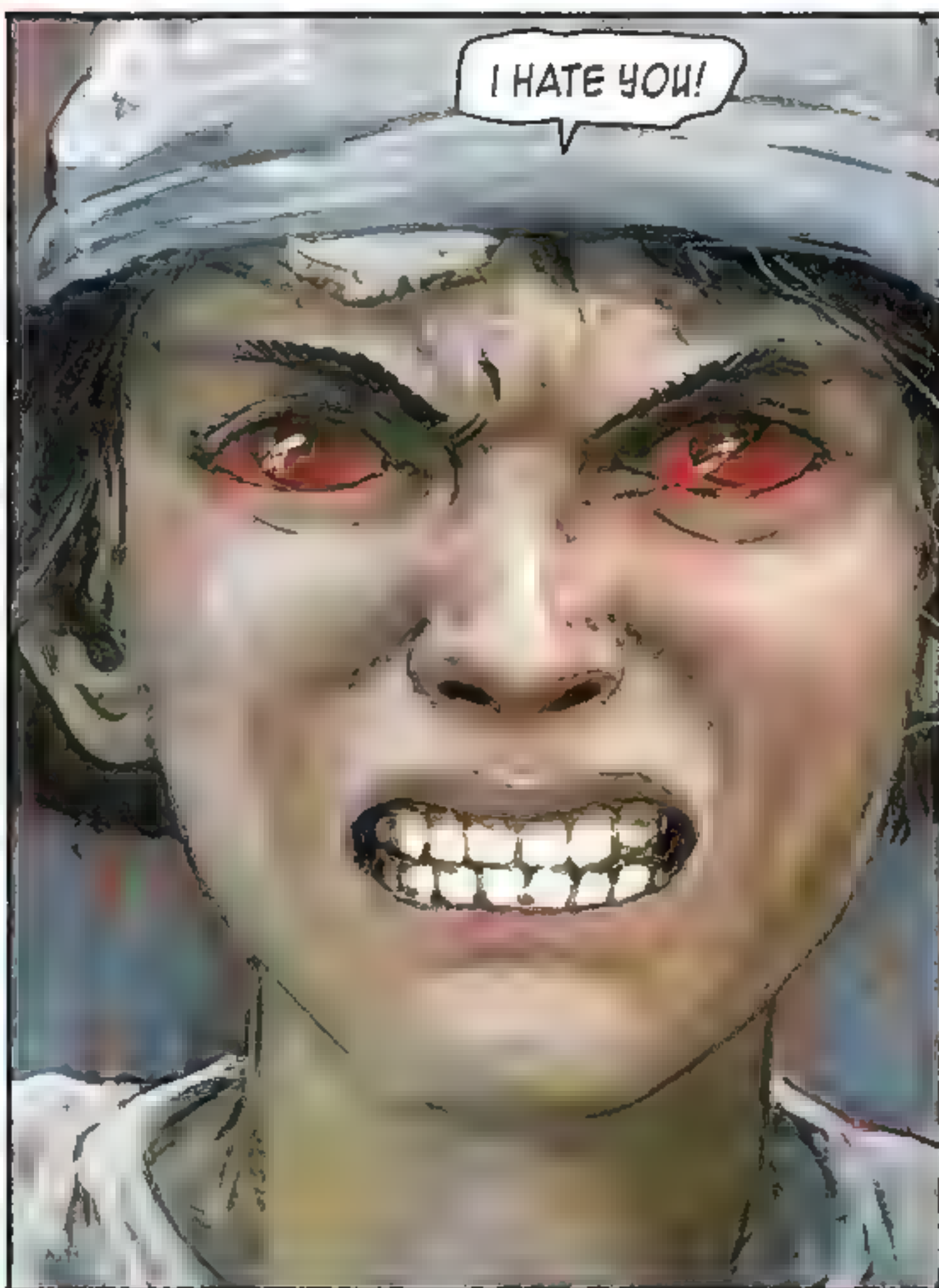




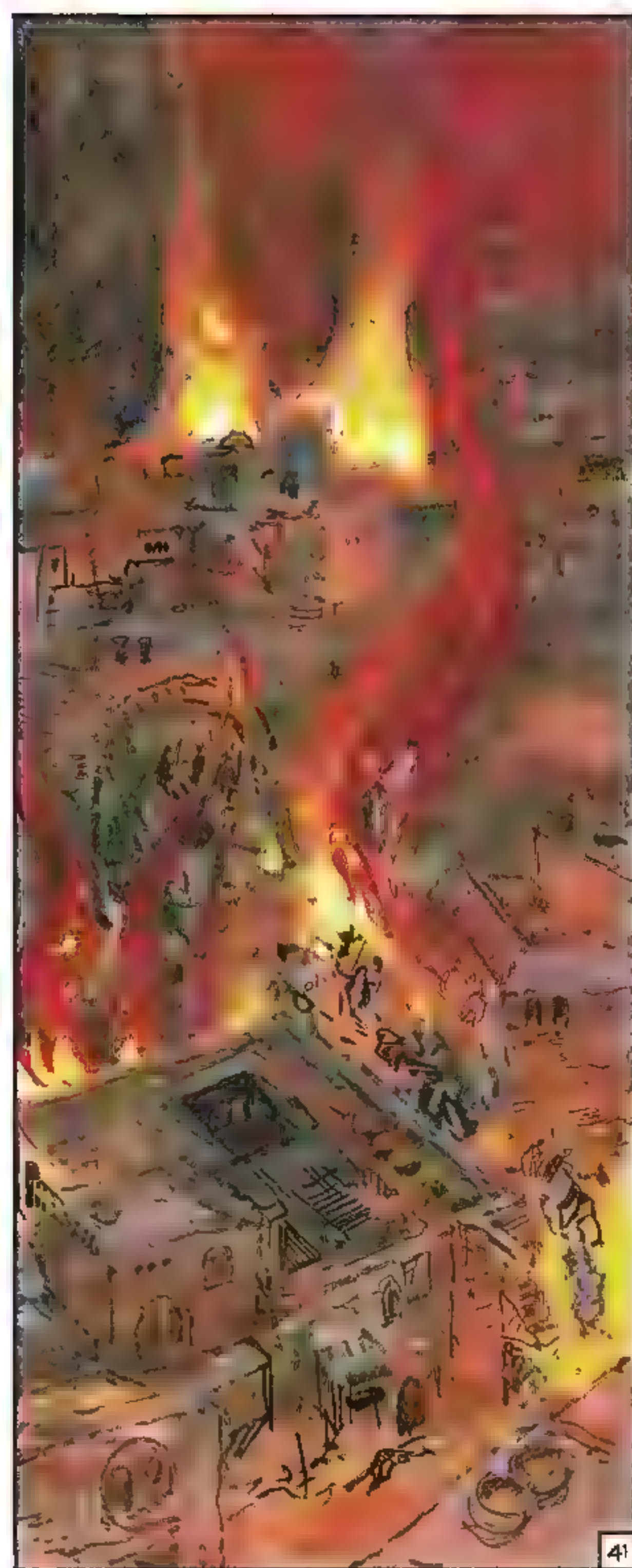
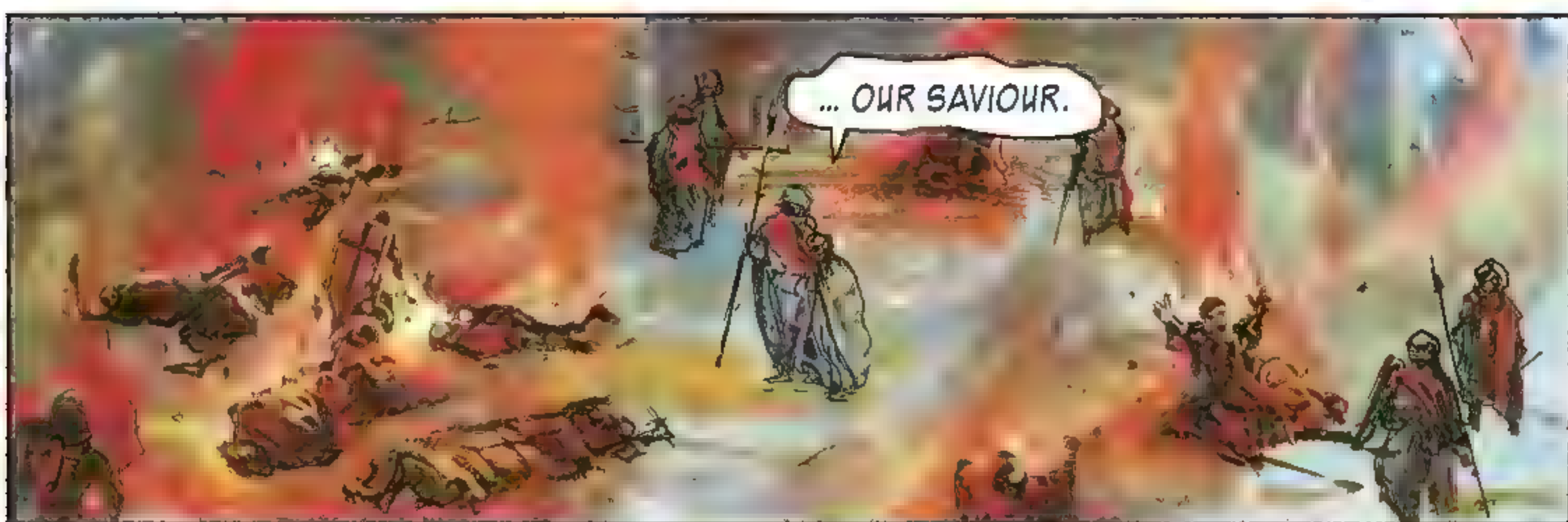
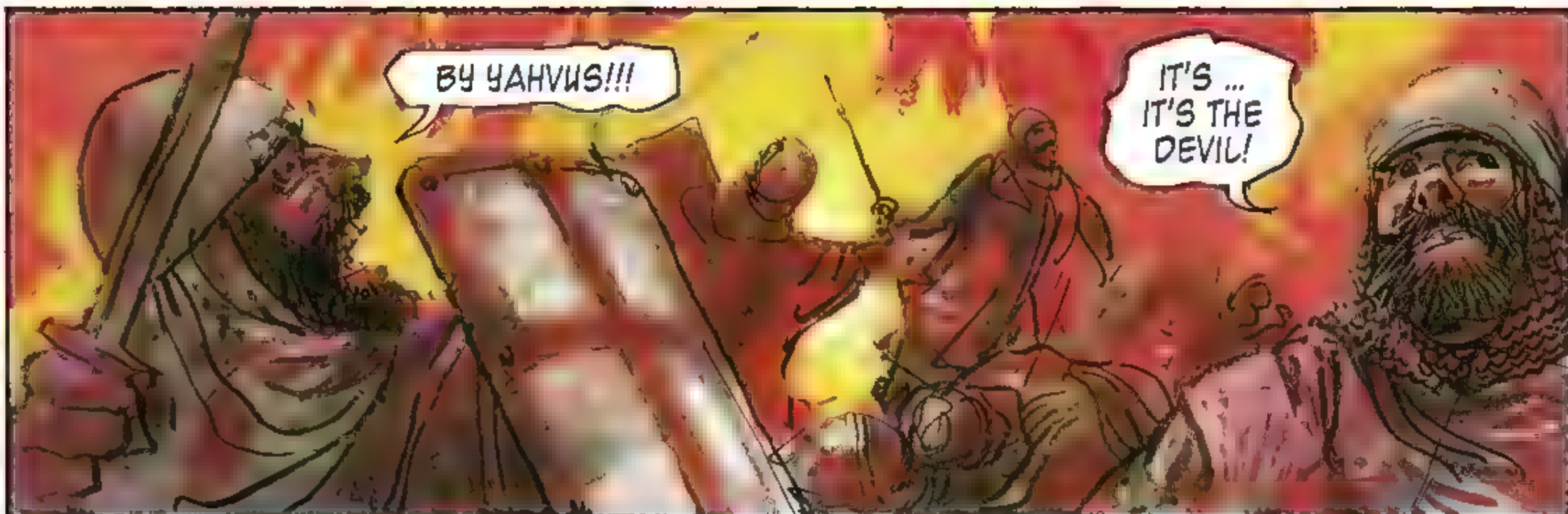
IN THIS PLACE WHERE YOU OFFERED YOUR WORDS TO MEN, I BESEECH YOU TO GRANT ME THE SCARLET FIRE. OFFER YOUR POWER TO THE WORLD TODAY ...













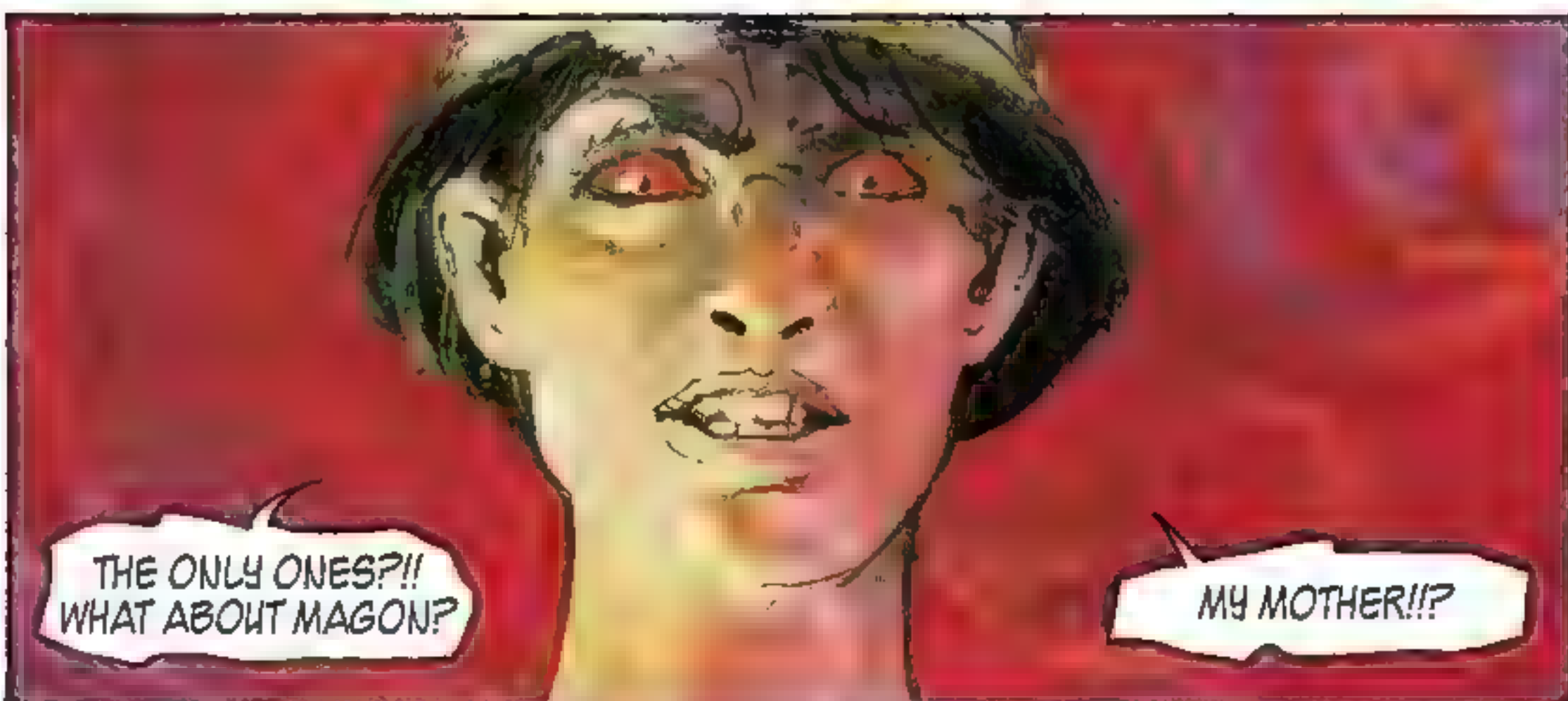
AND NOW,
THORGAL ... YOU
WILL PAY FOR YOUR
CRIMES!

IF THAT IS WHAT YOU REALLY
WANT, ANIEL ... THEN DO IT!



I DESERVE PUNISHMENT. FOR
BETRAYING AARICIA. FOR
FINDING ONLY IN ANGER
THE STRENGTH TO REMAIN
STANDING ... AND FOR NOT
LOVING YOU ENOUGH.

BUT THOSE ARE MY
ONLY CRIMES.



THE ONLY ONES?!
WHAT ABOUT MAGON?

MY MOTHER!?



THE ONLY SIN I COMMITTED
TOWARDS KRISS WAS
GIVING IN TO HER ... OF
ANYTHING ELSE, I AM
INNOCENT.

LIES! MORE
LIES FROM YOU!

YOU KILLED HER!



THEN, HOW COULD
SHE BE ALIVE RIGHT
NOW ... AND QUEEN
OF THE NORTH?

?!!!



PUT OUT THESE FLAMES,
ANIEL, SO YOU CAN LOOK
INTO MY EYES ...



... THERE YOU WILL
SEE THE TRUTH.





THORGAL! PLEASE!
PLEASE, HELP ME!



I CAN'T HOLD
IT!! IT'S CON-
TROLLING —



KILL HIM.



YOU?!!!
HOW DARE
YOU??!!!

THAT CAN
WAIT! YOU HAVE
TO STOP HIM
NOW!



WITCH! YOU CAUSED
THIS NIGHTMARE! I
SHOULD KILL YOU
INSTEAD!

THEN KILL ME —
BUT AFTER HIM!



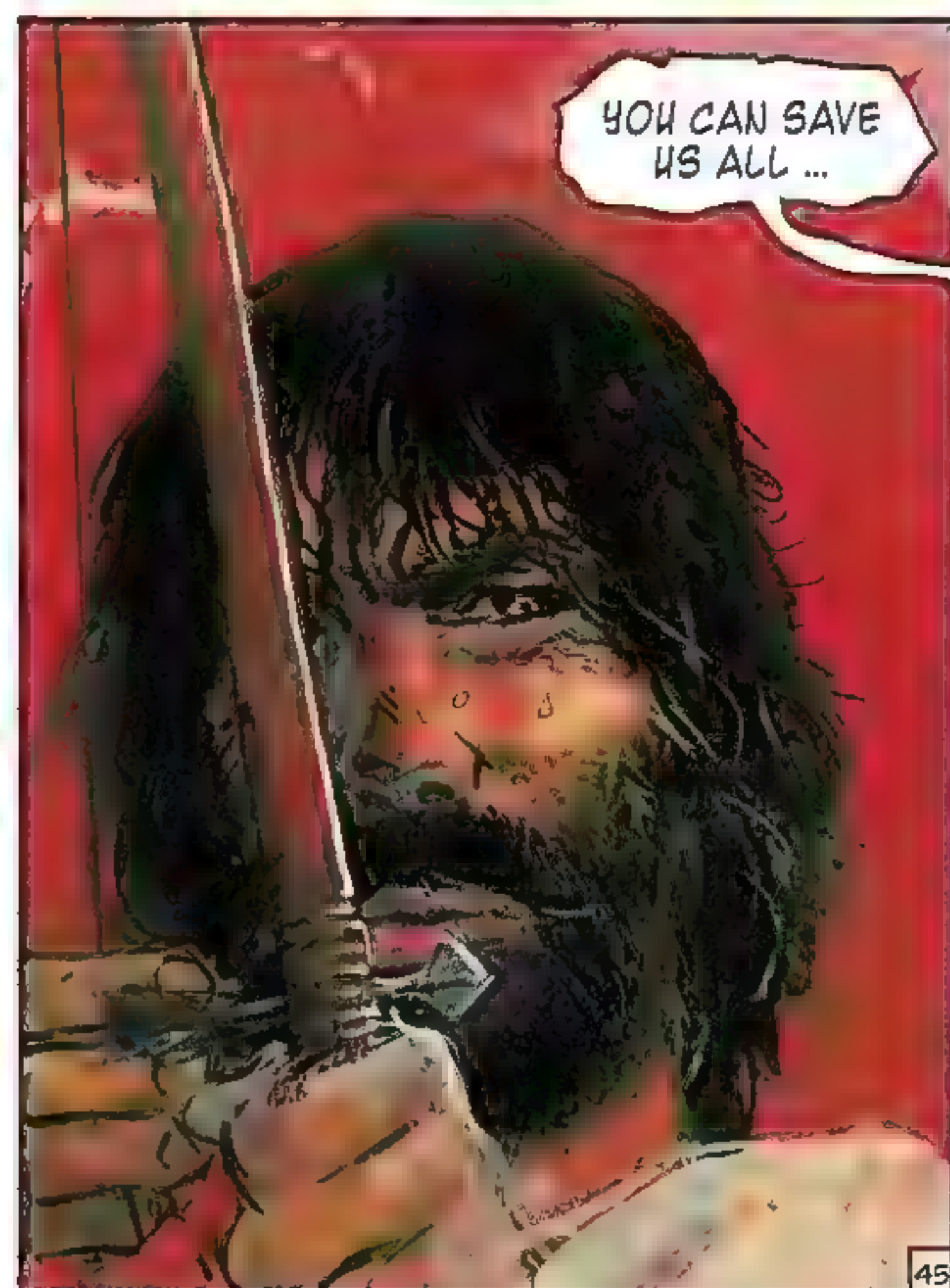
YOU'RE MAD!
HOW CAN YOU
THINK EVEN FOR
A SECOND I
COULD KILL MY
OWN SON?!!

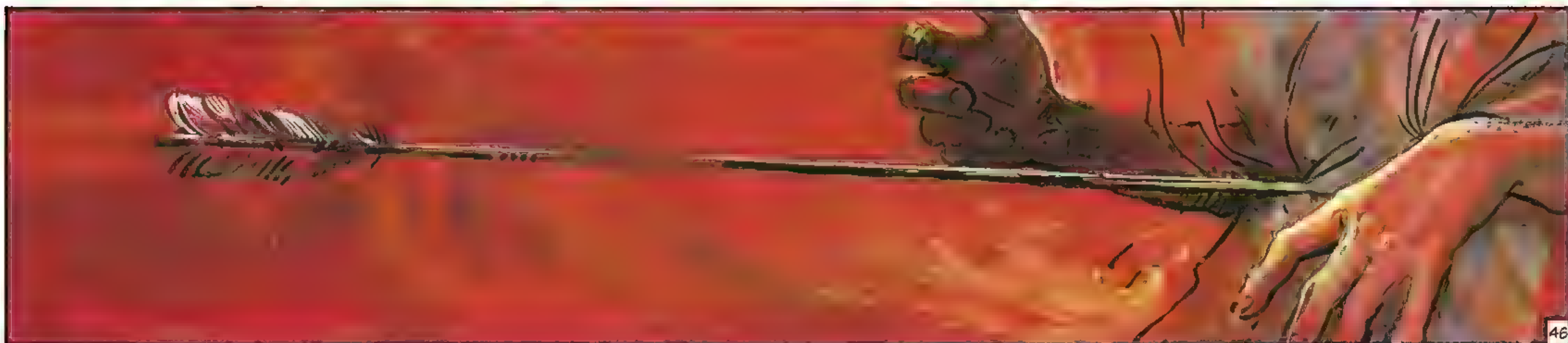
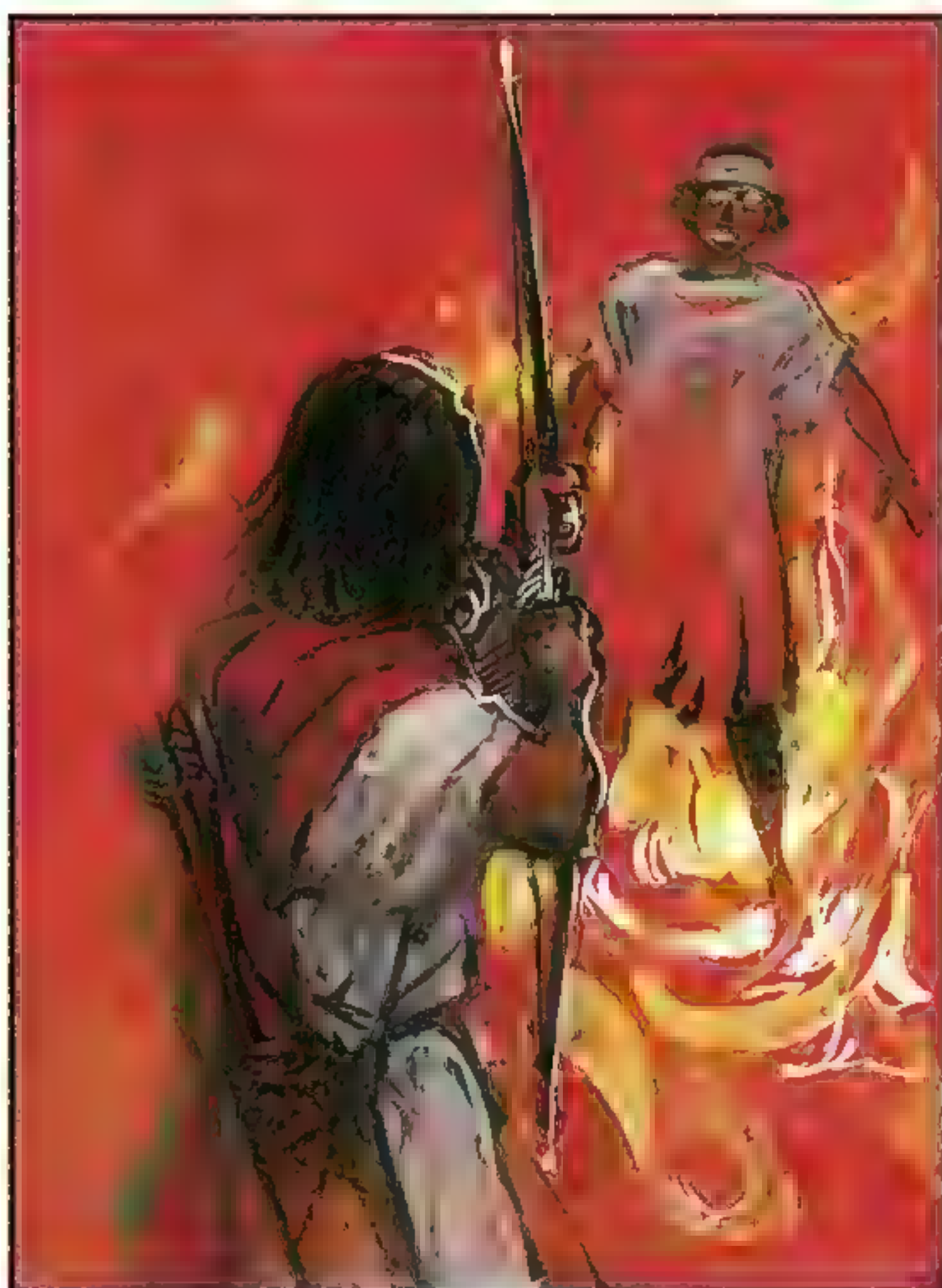
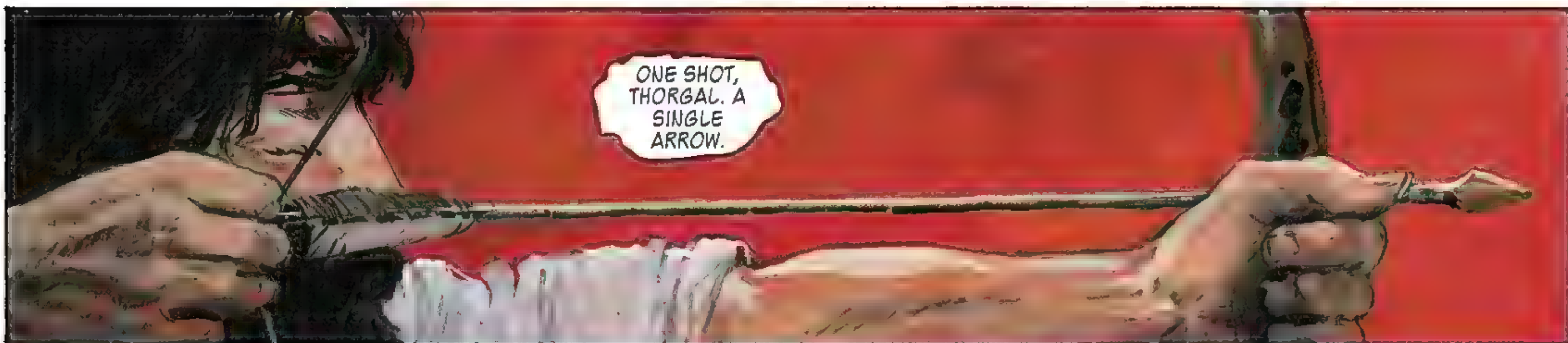


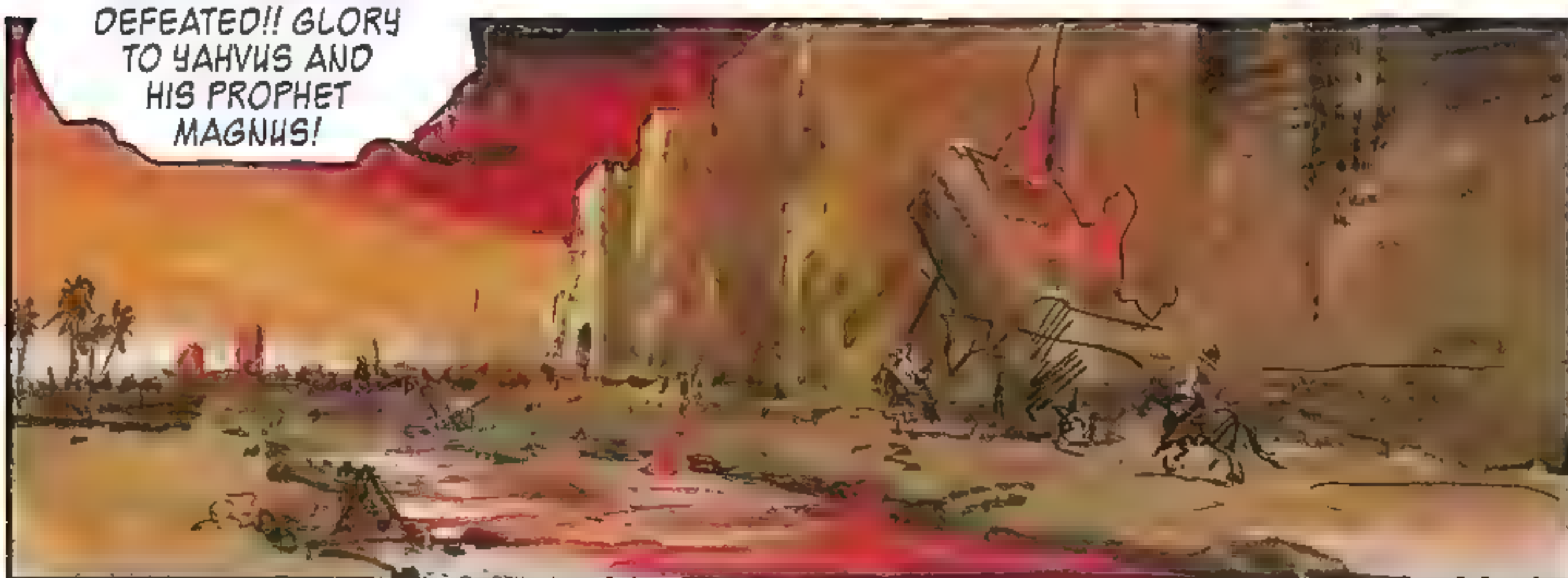
IT WILL PAIN ME
JUST AS MUCH.

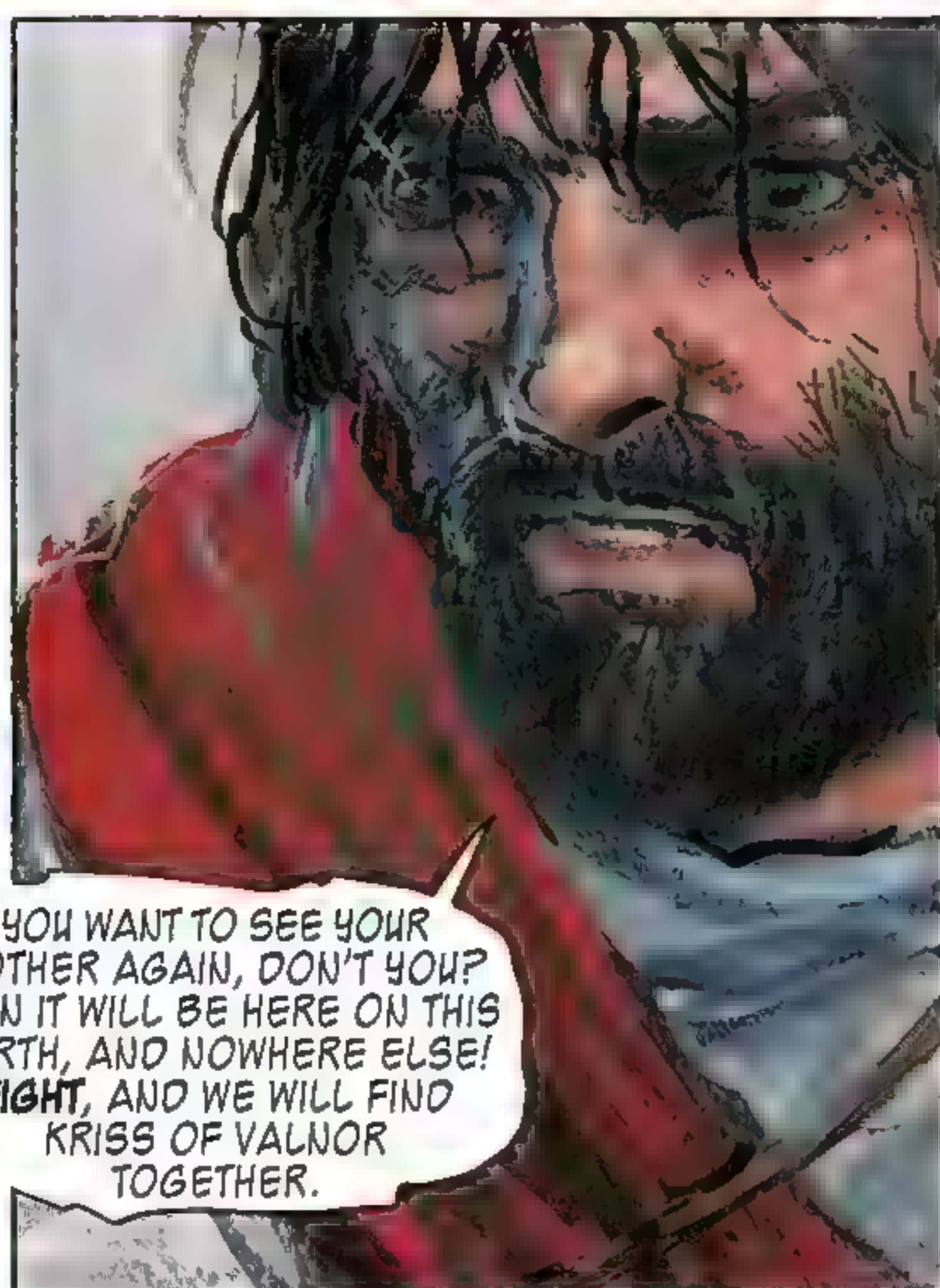
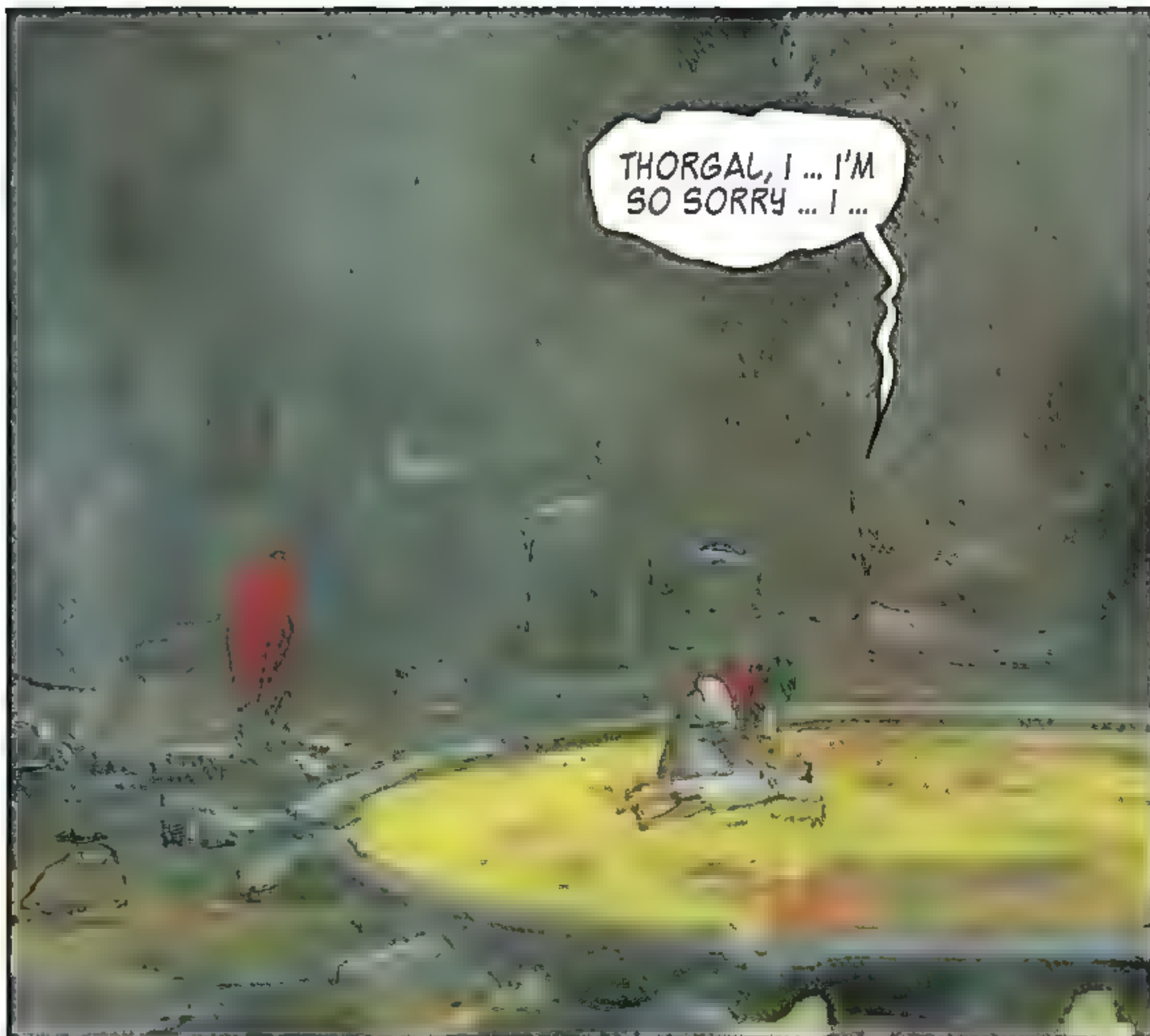
I AM THE KAZAR.

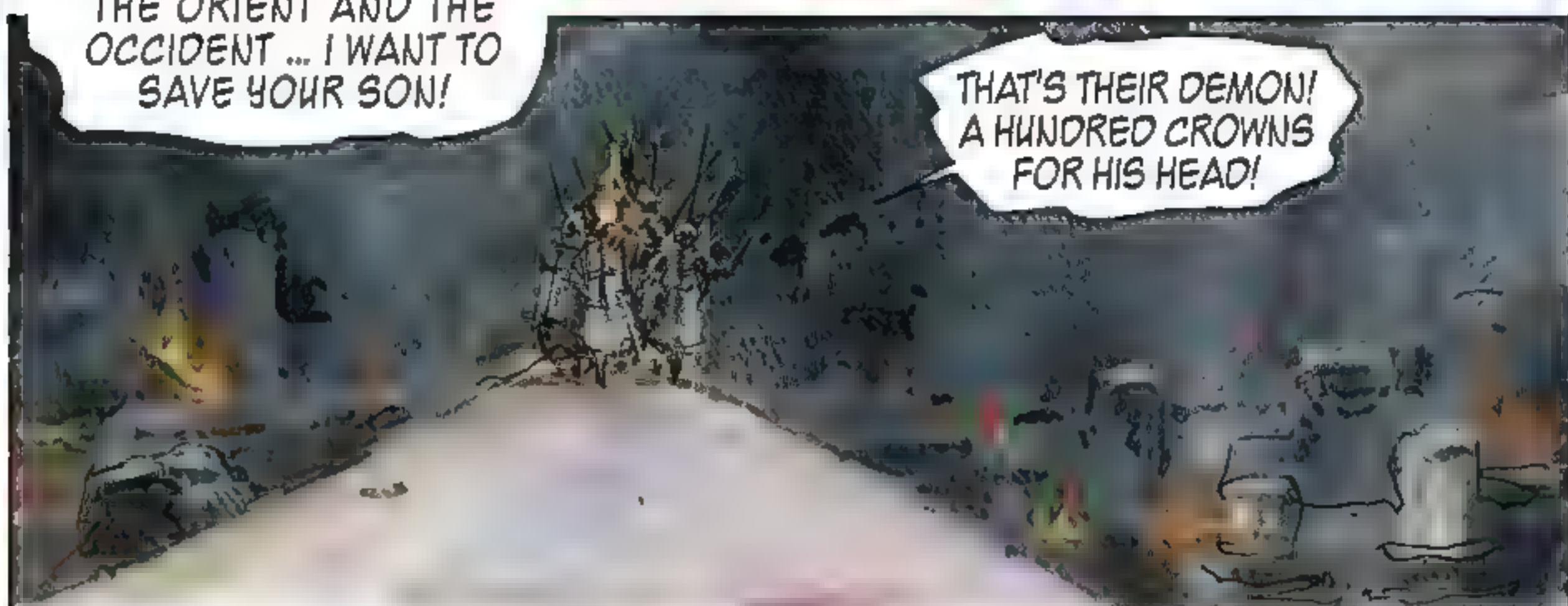
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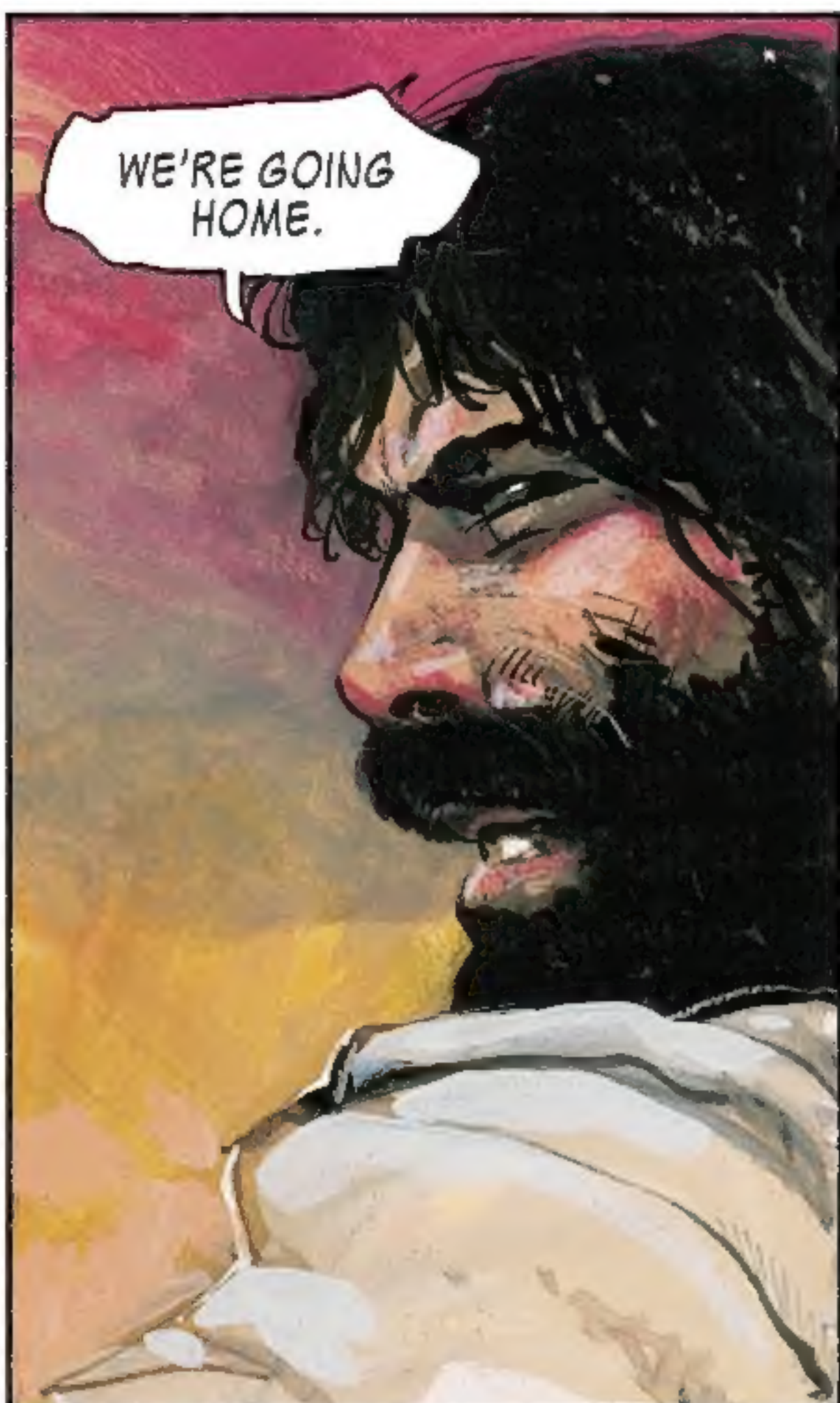
THEIR SHIPS WILL COME
AFTER US SOON! WE
NEED A GOOD HEAD
START!

FULL SAIL,
PETROV!



WHICH WAY,
THOUGH?

THE NORTHERN
KINGDOM.



WE'RE GOING
HOME.



WE'RE GOING
TO SAVE
ANIEL ...



... AND FIND
HIS MOTHER ...

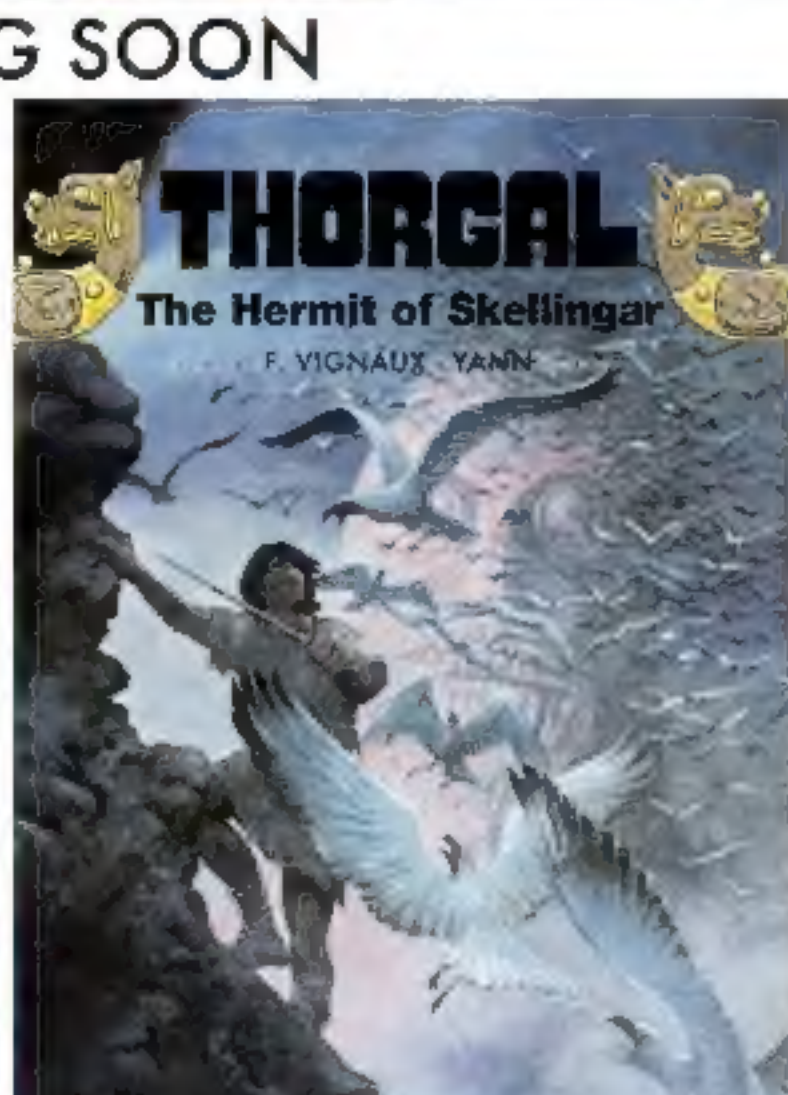
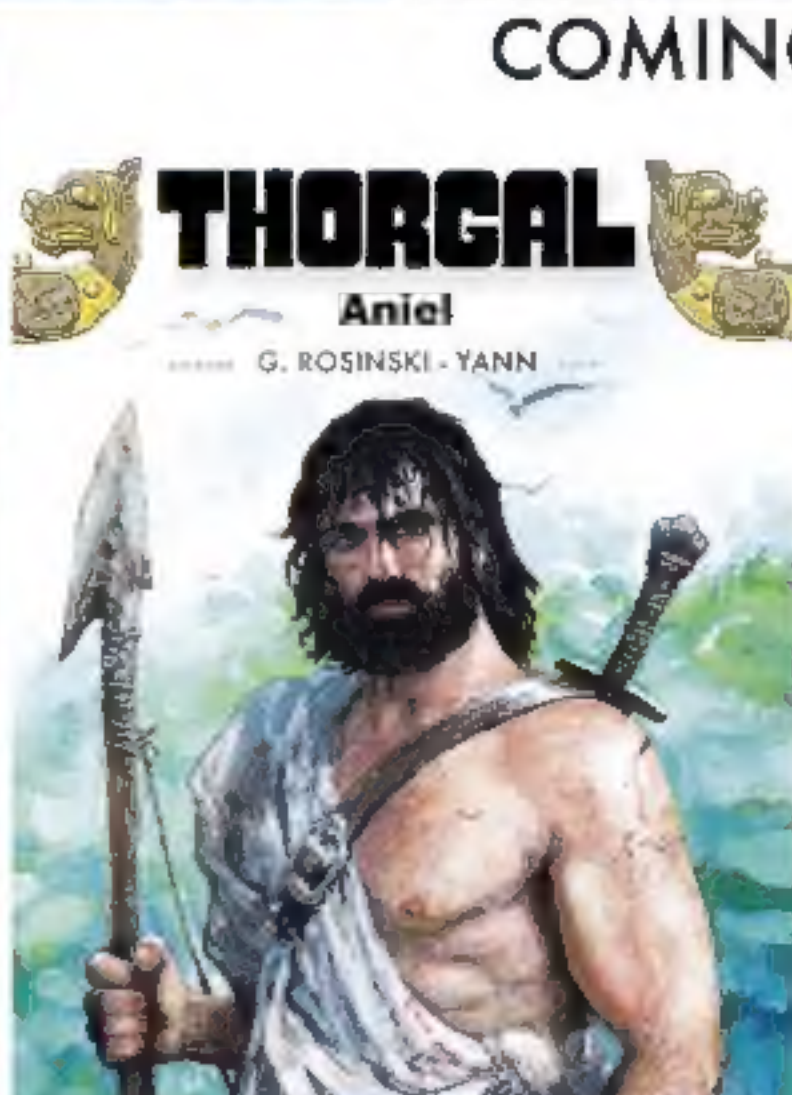
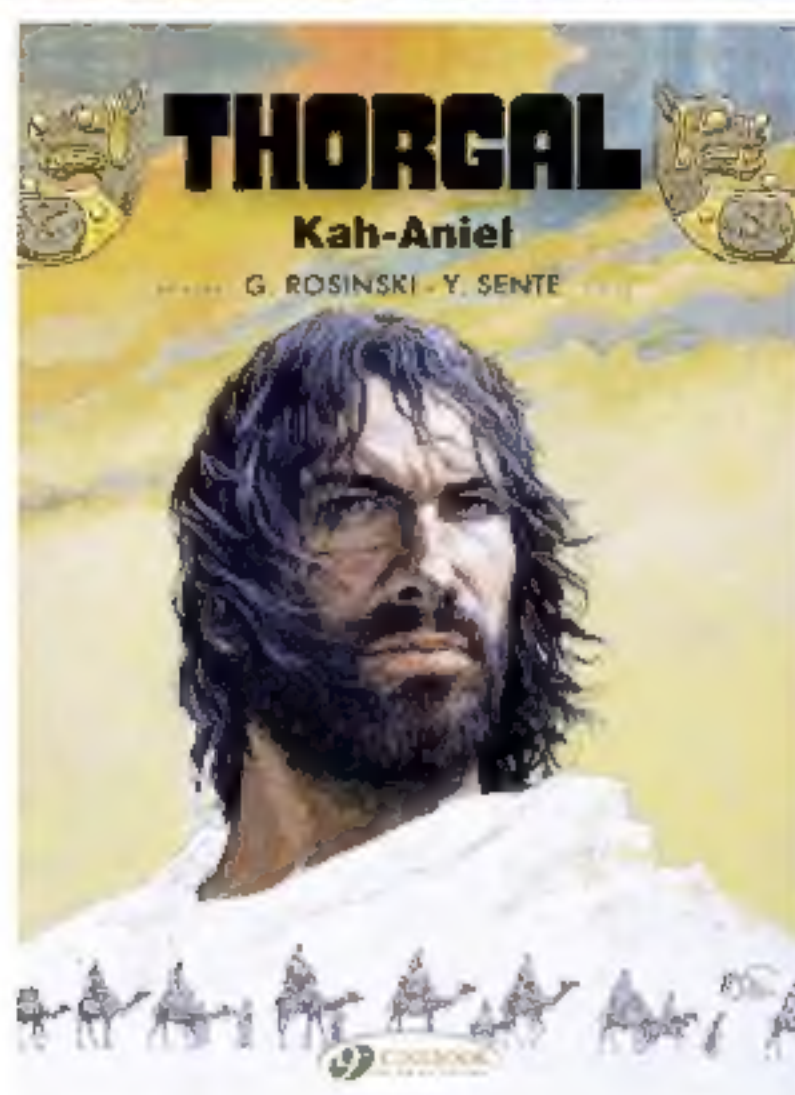
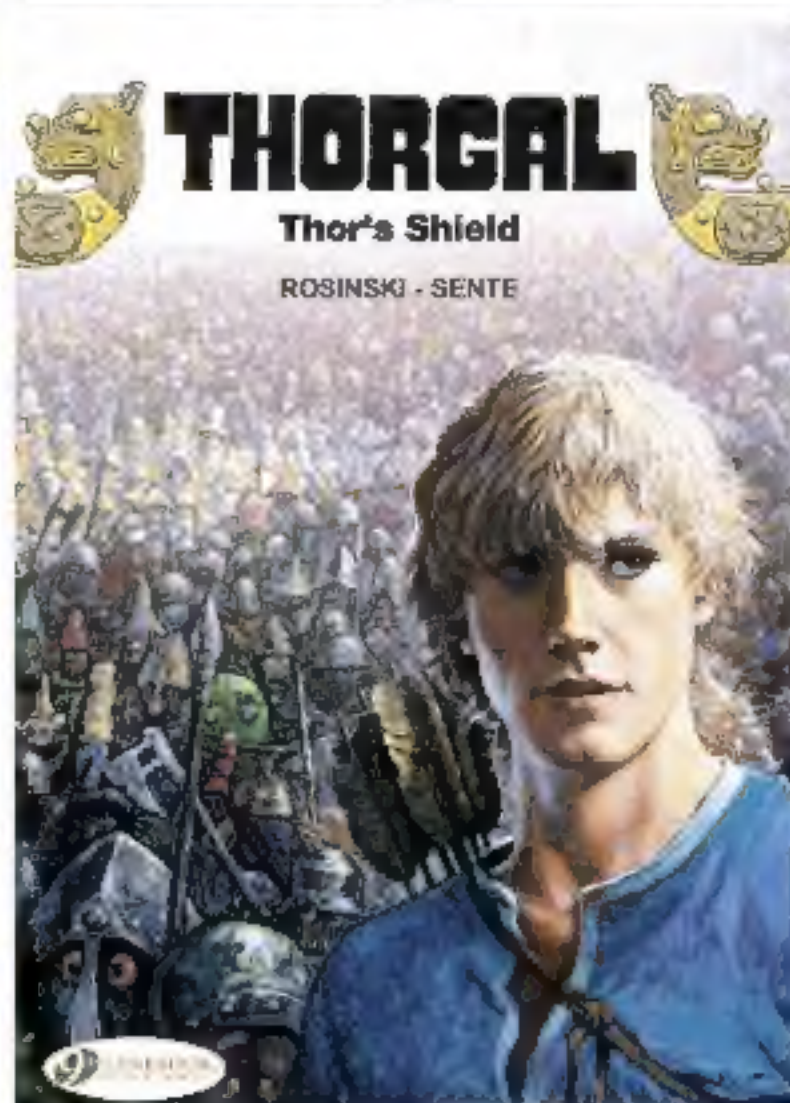
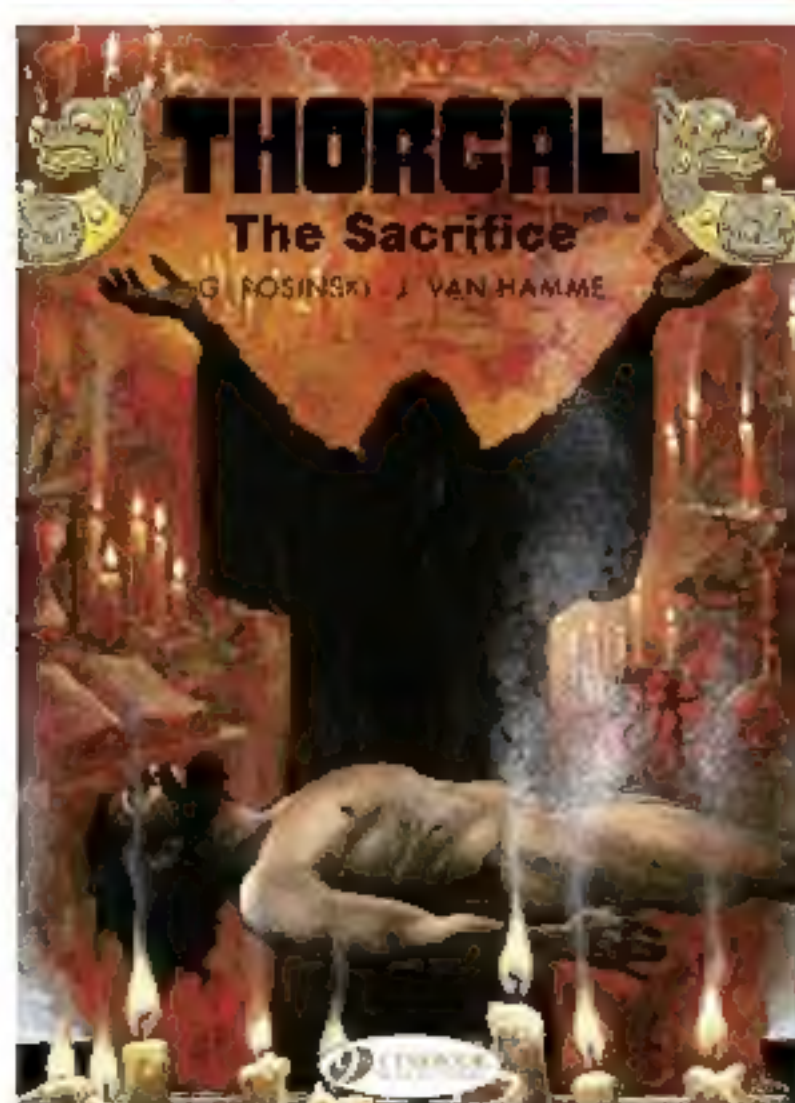
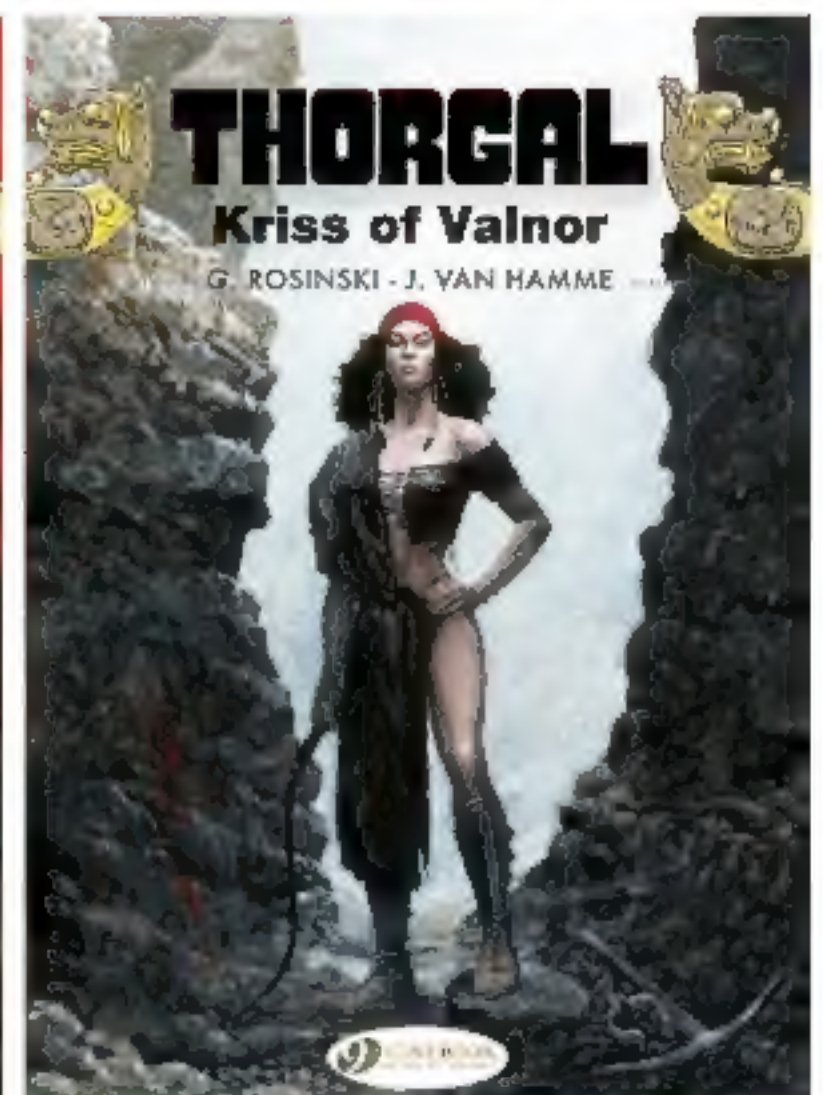
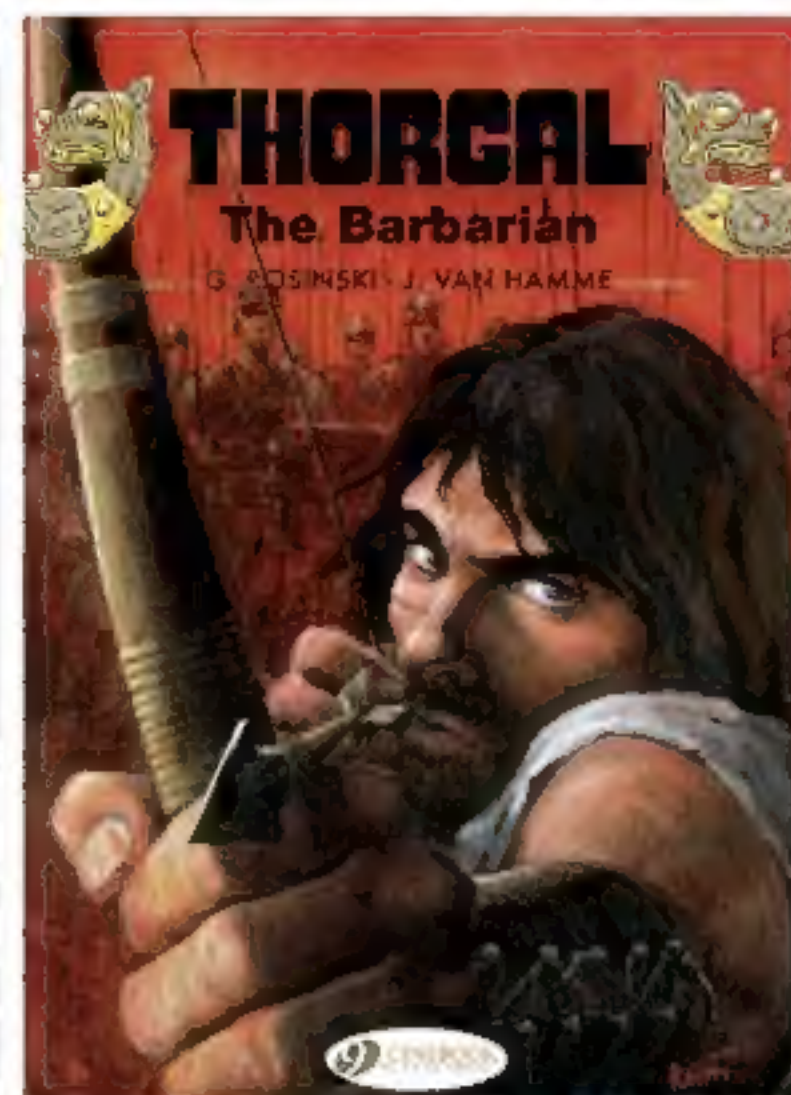
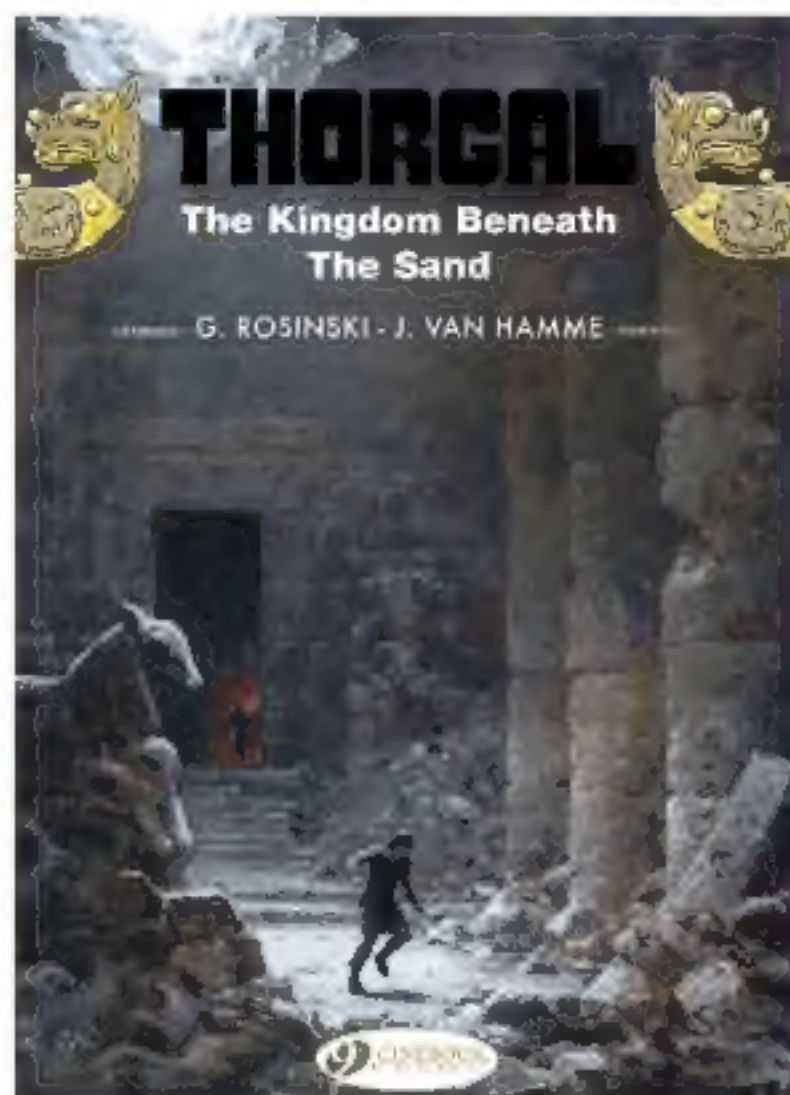
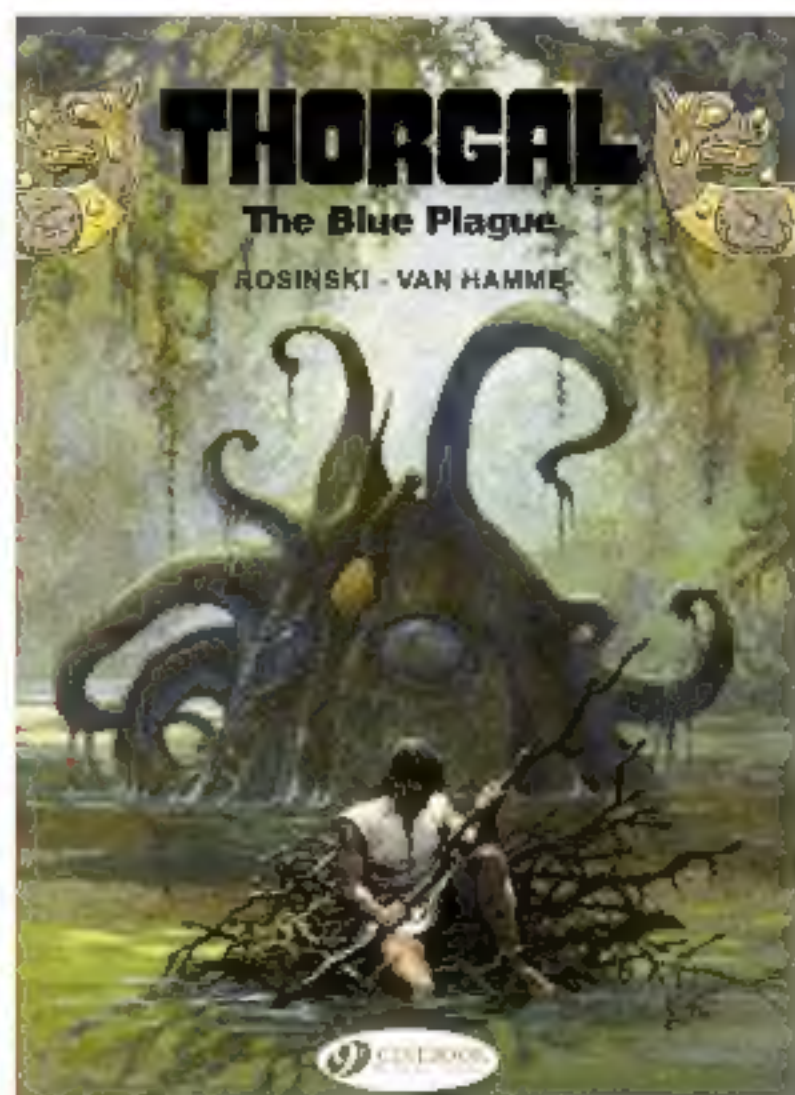
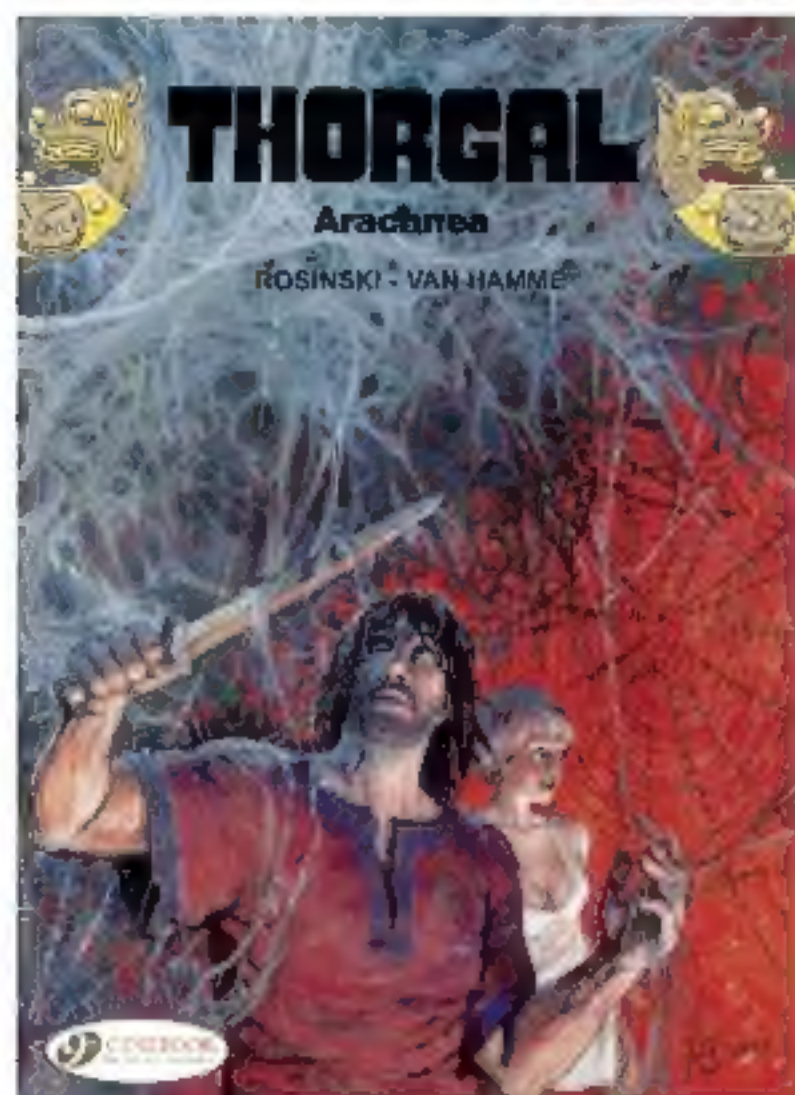
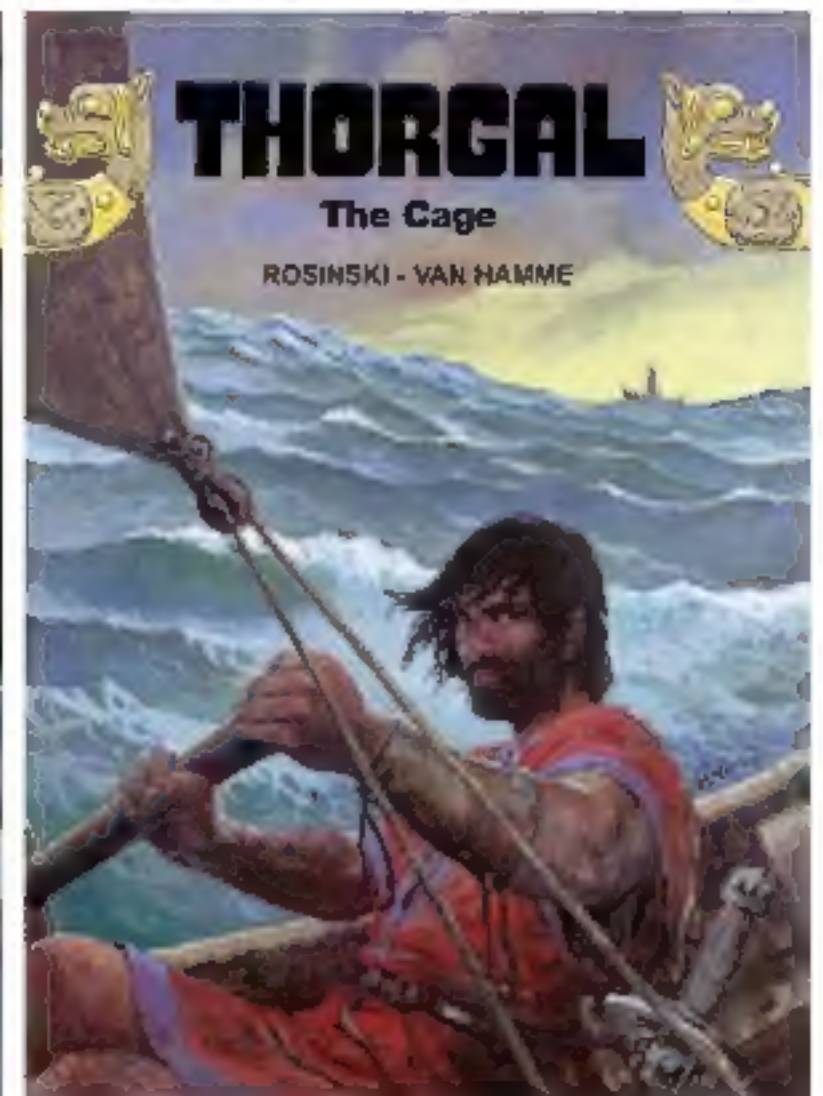
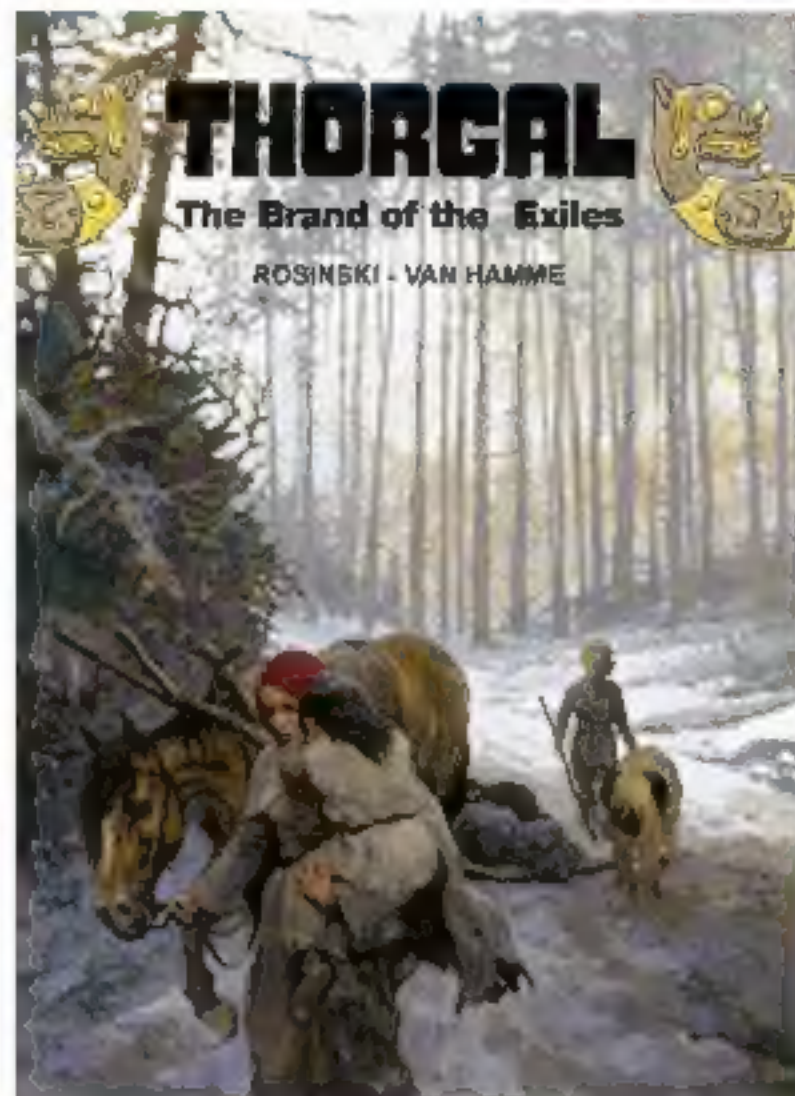
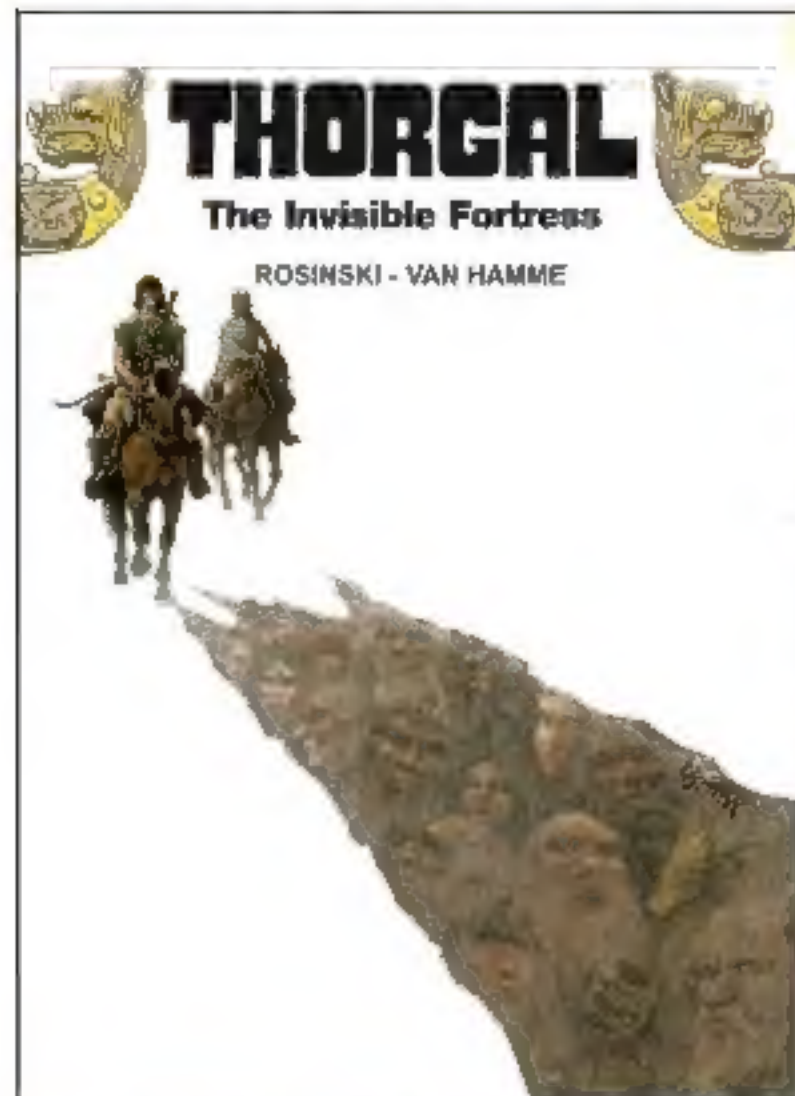
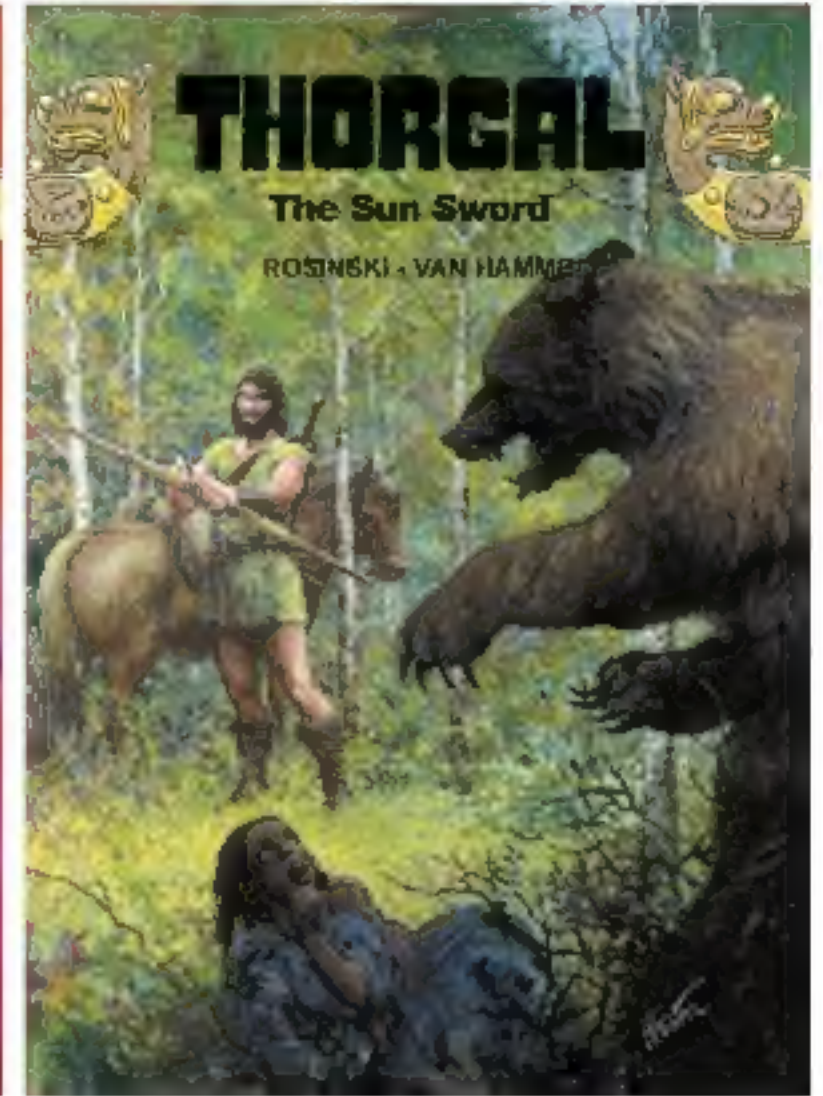
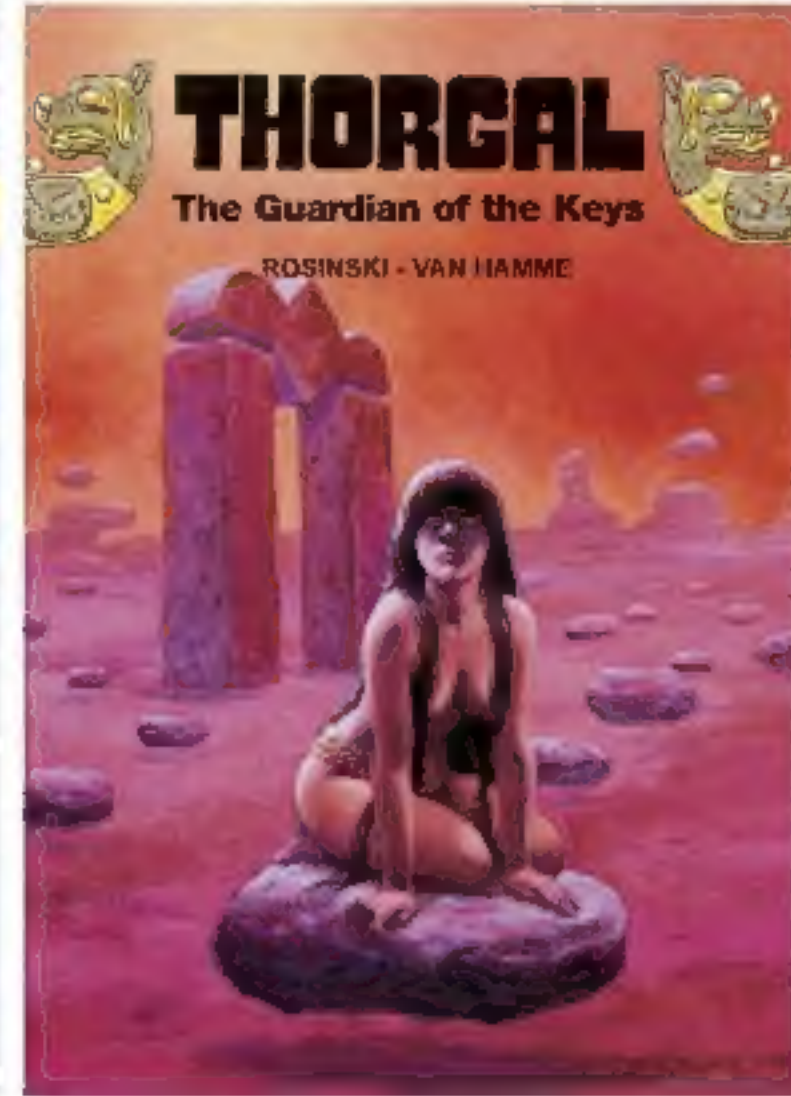
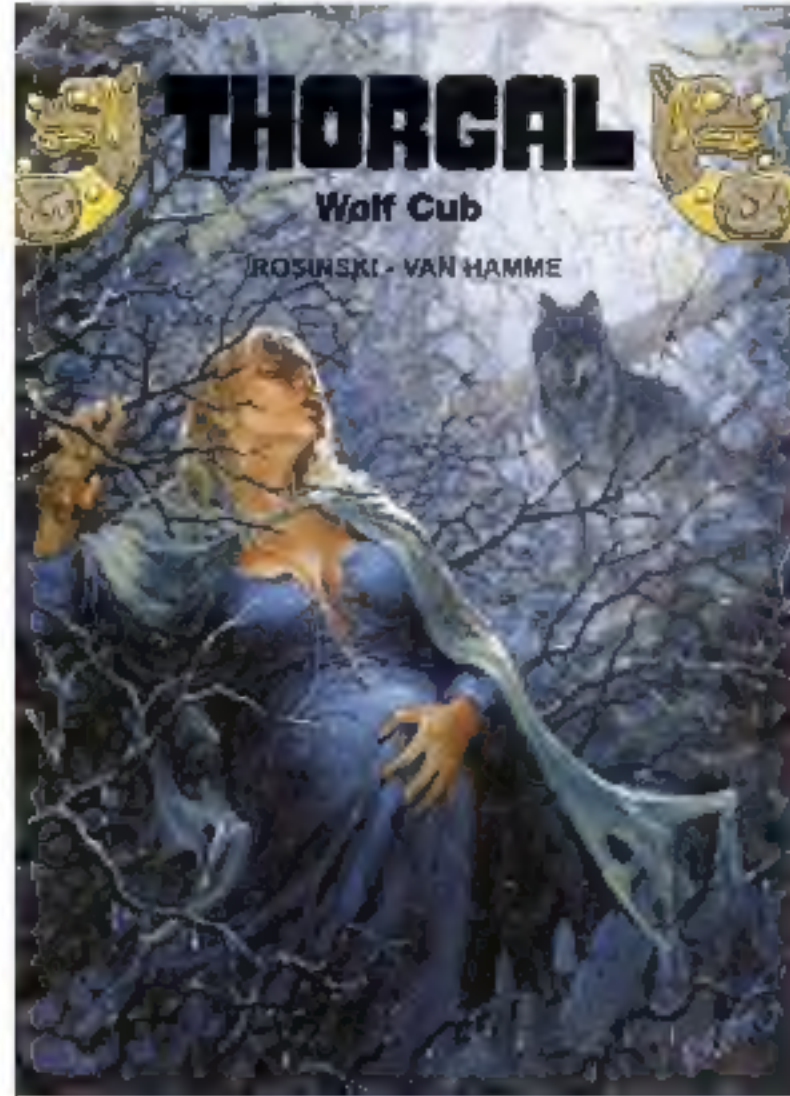
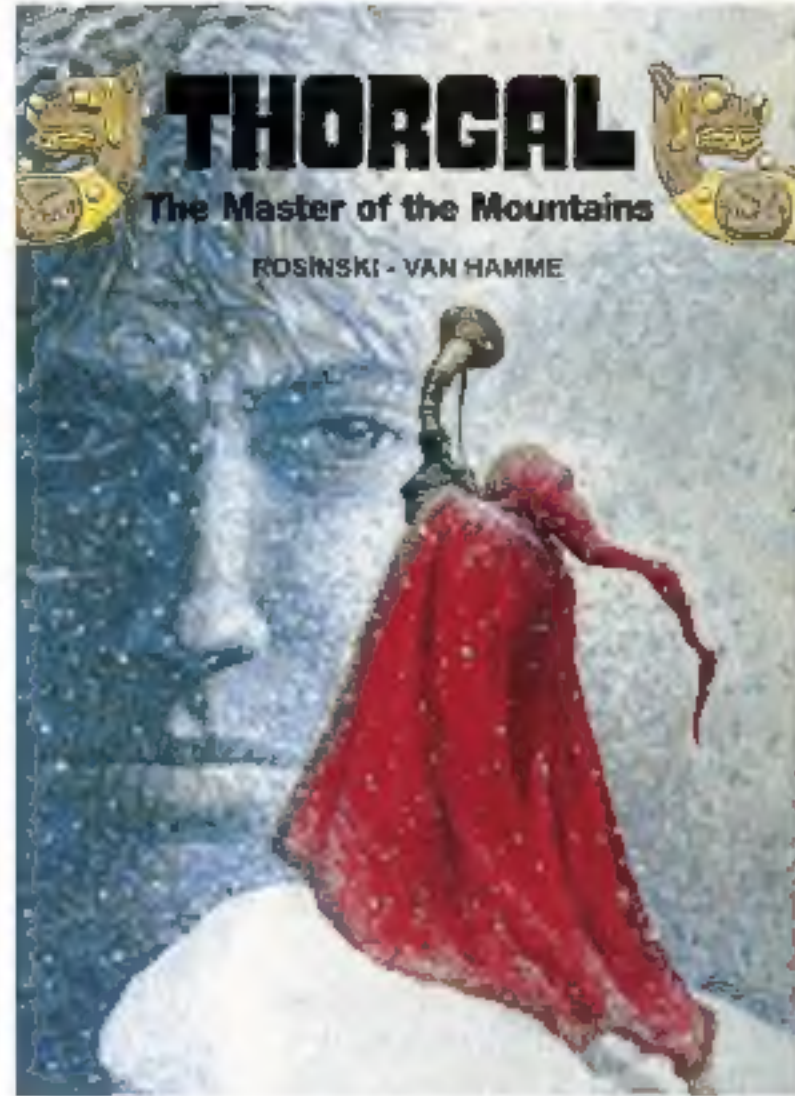
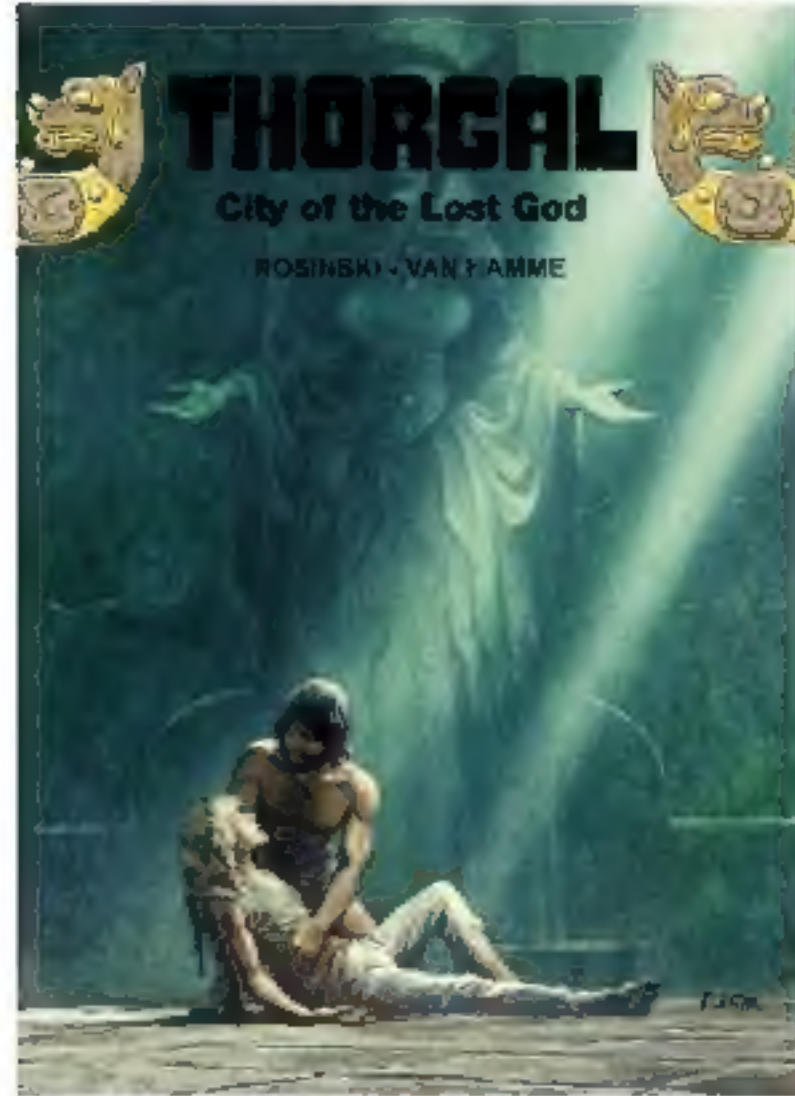
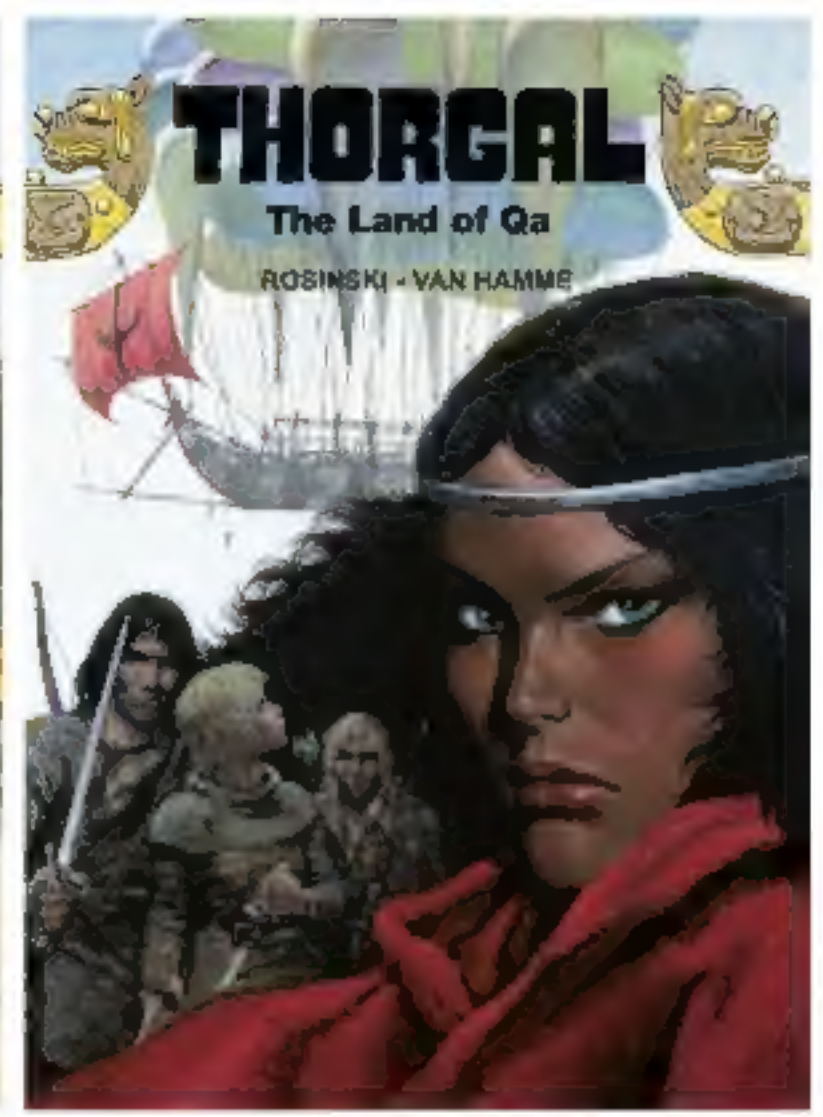
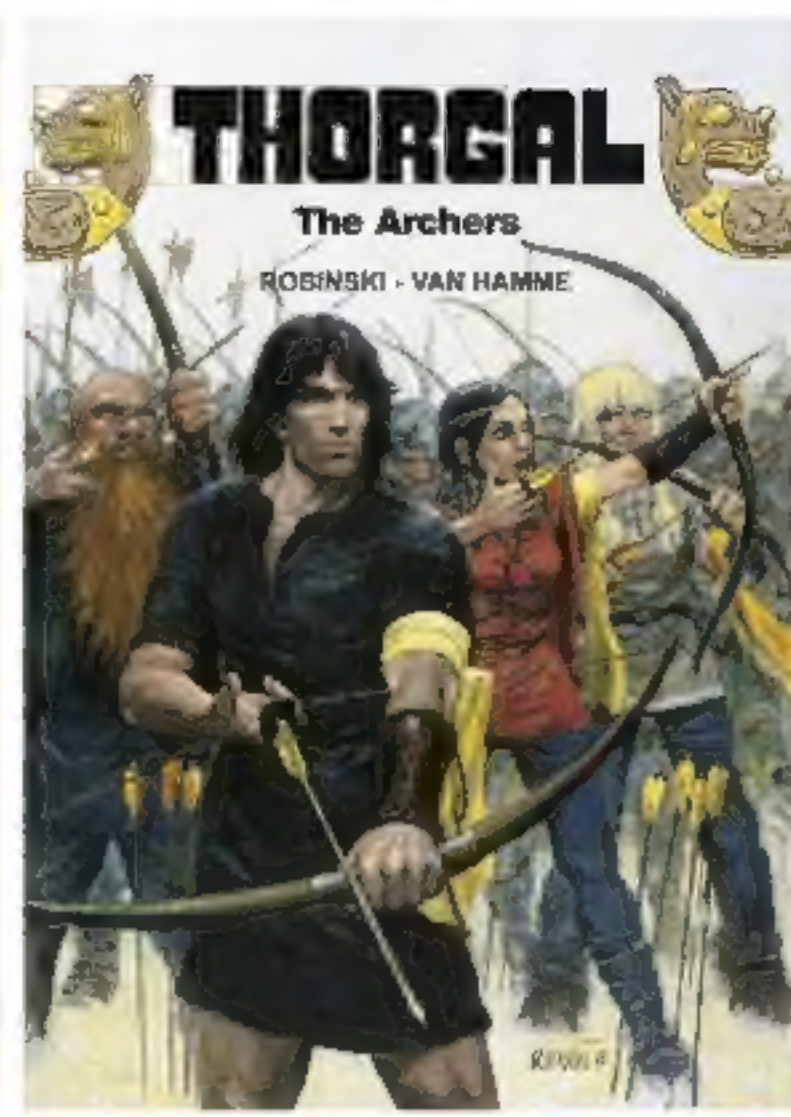
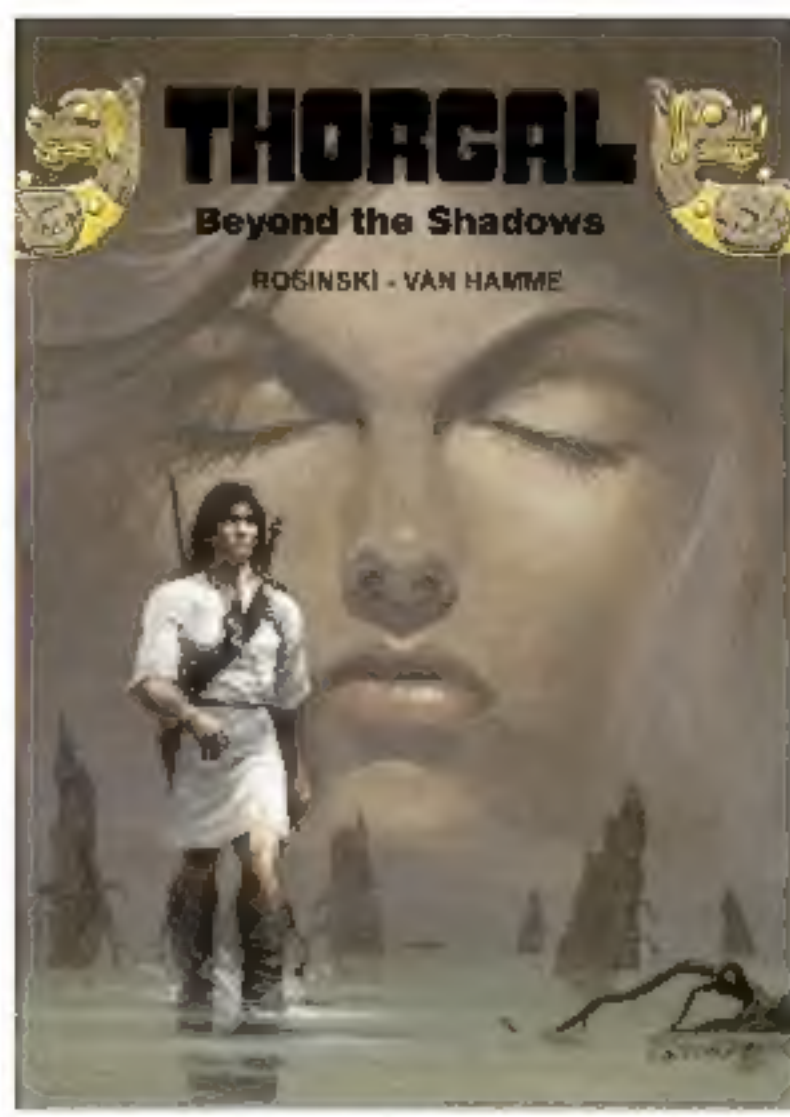
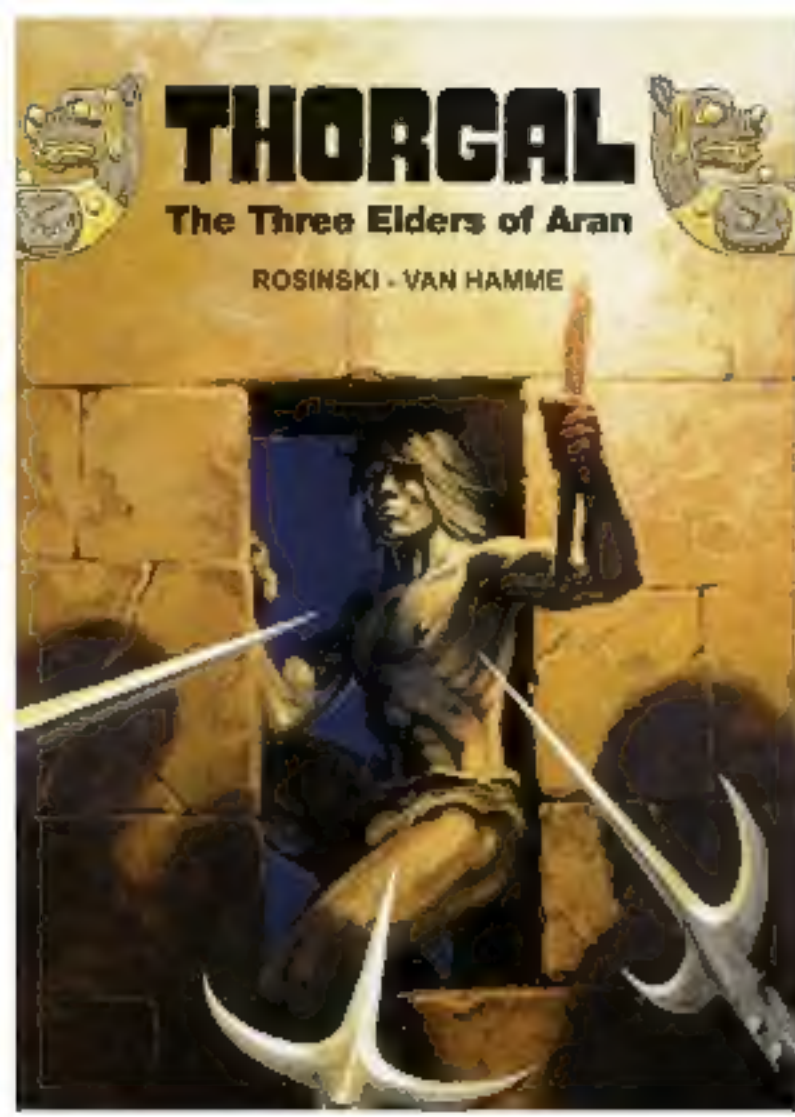
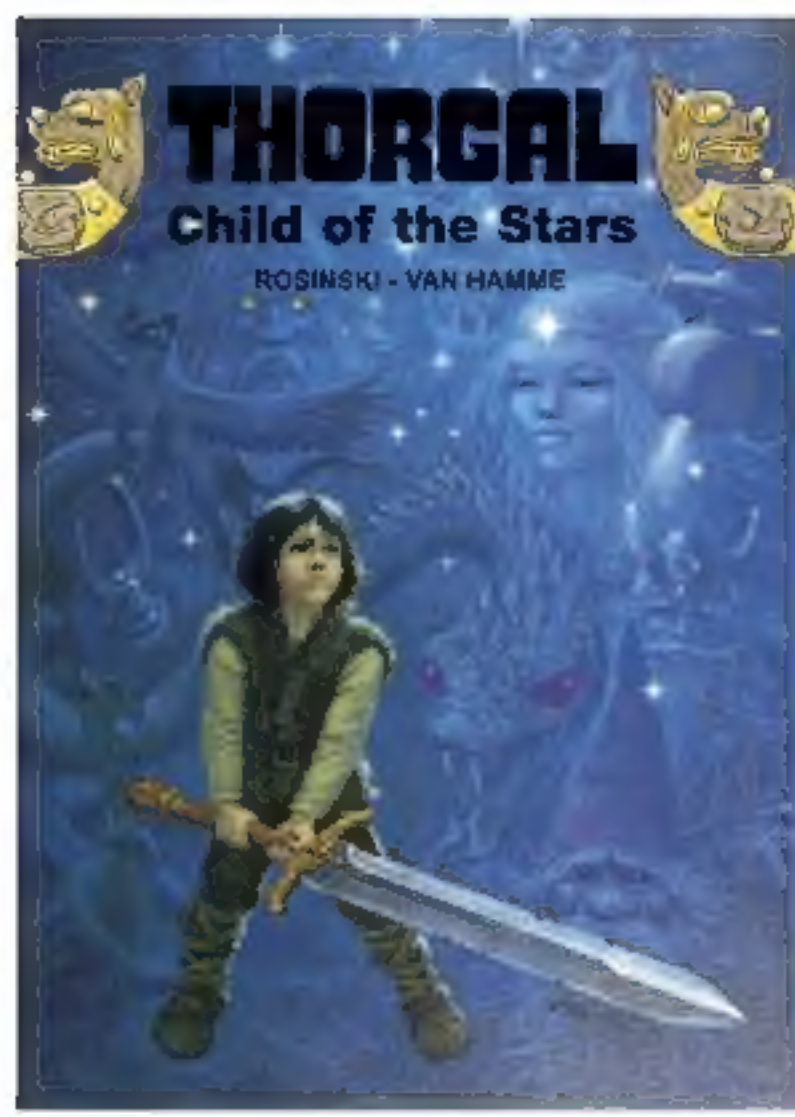


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